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President Samia Suluhu Hassan pictured in Dodoma city yesterday looking on as Vice President Dr Philip Mpango receives from Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa the postcode signpost for the Chamwino State House. The president has just had a meeting with regional commissioners on residential address systems. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Chinese firm to supply TRC with wagons worth 300bn/-

By Correspondent James Kandoya

CRRC International Co. Ltd, China's state-owned rolling stock manufacturer, has secured a 12-month contract worth US\$127.2 million (over 300bn/-) to supply cargo wagons to the Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC).

Under a deal sealed in Dar es Salaam yesterday, TRC will have received 1,430 wagons from the Chinese firm by February 2023.

TRC Director General Masanja Kadogosa and CRRC Assistant General Manager Tang Yun Peng signed the deal, witnessed by Works and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa.

Shortly after the signing ceremony, the minister underscored the need for the TRC management to ensure that the wagons in question met all specification and standards agreed on under the pact.

"CRRC is a global company and it will therefore be "disgraceful if we are to find ourselves being

supplied with substandard wagons," he said.

"I hereby call upon all those responsible for overseeing the acquisition of the wagons to exercise seriousness, vigilance and honesty and ensure that the wagons we expect meet the required specifications and standards and we therefore have value for money," he added.

The minister also warned against resorting to the raging of the Covid-19 pandemic as an excuse for failure to have the wagons delivered as scheduled and as generally stipulated in the agreement.

He said the wagons were meant to appreciably ease congestion at the Dar es Salaam Port, noting that one train would have capacity to ferry the equivalent of 500 trucks loaded with cargo.

Kadogosa meanwhile said the contract involves the designing and manufacturing of wagons to a variety of commodities.

He said 600 container carrier bogies

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Tanzania's inflation slightly drops in January - director

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE annual headline inflation rate for last month has decreased to 4.0 per cent from 4.2 per cent recorded in December, 2021, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) has said.

Releasing the statistics yesterday, the Bureau's acting director of population census and social statistics, Ruth Davison, said the decrease of the headline inflation explains that, speed of price change for commodities for the year ended January, 2022 has decreased compared to the speed recorded for the year ended December, 2021.

She explained that the overall index went up from 101.53 recorded in January, 2021 to 105.59 in January, 2022. Food and non-alcoholic beverages inflation rate for January, 2022, she said has also increased to 6.3 percent from 4.9 percent that was recorded in December, 2021.

On the other hand, annual inflation rate for all items without food and non-alcoholic beverages for January, 2022 has decreased to 3.1 percent from 3.9 percent that was recorded in December, 2021.

"The increase of food items whose weight is 28.2 percent has been counter balanced with the decrease of non-food items whose weight is 71.8 percent," she said.

The national consumer price index, she

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Samia gives RCs three months to complete postcode system

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has issued a three-month ultimatum to regional commissioners to finalise implementation of the national address and postcode system to boost cyber security and revenues from online businesses.

Addressing the regional commissioners in Dodoma yesterday, President Samia said the government will from now stop using contractors after funds meant for the project dropped from 720bn/- to 28bn/-.

On the importance of the system which includes security, President Samia said this will also help authorities to know people who do businesses online so that they pay taxes.

"This should be done as a special operation in collaboration with citizens as was the case in the construction of classrooms," she said.

The President added that she will summon all RCs who will not have completed implementation of the project by May, this year.

"If you have any challenges, let us know early so that we help you but if you remain quiet we will be forced to help you," President said, adding that the operation will be special which her office will be implementing in collaboration with the Prime Minister and Vice President even those from Zanzibar.

Samia noted that the system must end faster to accommodate the People and Housing Census (PHC) scheduled for August, this year.

"Census will depend on the completion of this project if this completes well then it will also go well because it will cover houses which were not covered in either of the two exercises," she said.

She however said the project was originally planned to cost 720bn/- and will now be implemented at 28bn/- and the money will be sent to the regions depending on the size of the area.

"This money is not other charges (OC), it's for the project. You should continue to use the

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Nyerere National Park registers more tourist arrivals from Z'bar

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Rufiji

THERE has been a significant increase in the number of tourists who visit Zanzibar connecting to Nyerere National Park in the mainland.

Authorities here say that the destination which was curbed out of the Selous Game Reserve in 2019 now sees between three to five flights from Zanzibar land at Mtemere airstrip with international travelers to see wildlife enjoy the sandy beaches and visit the antiquities.

Seth Mihayo, conservator in-charge of tourism at the National Park said here yesterday

that the increase of tourists between the two destinations can be attributed to the proximity between Zanzibar and Tanzania's largest national park.

"Plus the fact that Nyerere, being still a new and featuring hardly trodden reserves, boasts abundance of wildlife that can be viewed within a very short time after the tourists disembark from the planes at Mtemere Gate airstrip," he added.

Most of the visitors who enjoy networking their travel itineraries between beach tourism in Zanzibar, Pemba and wildlife spotting in the

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BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS AND LICENSING AGENCY

Advertisement of Winding-up Petition
Pursuant to Rule 99(1) of the Companies (Insolvency) Rules 2005
Misc. Commercial Case No.42 of 2021

IN THE MATTER OF: **BAHDELA CO. LIMITED**

A Petition to wind up the above-named Company of:

Address: The Registered office of the Company is at Plot No.186053/23, Upanga Street, P. O. Box 5950, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

presented on: **31ST AUGUST, 2021**

by: **PETROFUEL (T) LIMITED**
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Claiming to be a [creditor] of the Company, is fixed for orders at (Name of Court) **THE HIGH COURT OF TANZANIA, COMMERCIAL DIVISION AT DAR ES SALAAM**

on (date): **10TH MARCH 2022**

at (time): **9:00AM IN THE MORNING**

(or as soon thereafter as the petition can be heard)

Any person intending to appear on the hearing of the Petition (whether to support it or to oppose it) must give notice of his intention to do so to the petitioner or his/its Advocate in accordance with Rule 104(1) of the Companies (Insolvency) Rules 2005 by 16:00 hours on the business day before the date of the hearing given above.

The Petitioner's Advocate is: **S. Ishengoma, SA Law Chambers, Advocates, PPF Tower, 4th Floor, Ohio /Garden Avenue Street, P.O. Box 22691, Dar es Salaam**
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Dated 8th February, 2022.





Education, Science and Technology minister Prof Adolf Mkenda (2nd-R) receives a laptop from Vodacom Tanzania Plc managing director Sitholizwe Mdlalose (C) and African Child Project director Catherine Kimambo. This was during the launch of the digital School Connectivity Project covering 50 public schools in ten regions in Tanzania. The event was held at Mawenzi Primary School in Moshi municipality yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Nyerere National Park come from Italy, Russia and Poland.

"It takes less than 45 minutes to fly from Zanzibar to Nyerere National Park," explains Tomasz Dworczyk, a travel agent based in Zanzibar, who handles mostly itineraries of visitors from Poland.

"This makes Nyerere National Park more accessible than Serengeti or

Tarangire and therefore we fly tourists from the Isles to Nyerere for game driving or walking safaris within a day, before they return to Zanzibar," added Dworczyk.

Driver and Tour Guide, Patrick Joseph Haule said under the 'Beach to Bush' initiative, many of the visitors from the Isles who tour Nyerere National Park prefer alternative forms of tourism that

can only be experienced there and nowhere else.

"Nyerere offers boat safaris on large rivers, this type of tourism is exclusive for the National Park, as well as large herds of elephants between 30 and 50 or more," explained Haule.

Encompassing nearly 31,000 square kilometers, Nyerere National Park which was carved from the Selous Game Reserve in 2019, is essentially the

largest in East and Central Africa and according to the acting Commissioner of Conservation Dr Emilian Samuel Kihwele, the destination is home to nearly 500 bird species.

"Nyerere is three years old but the National Park is already attracting over 100,000 foreign visitors yearly and producing revenue of more than 3 billion/- per annum," said Dr Kihwele.

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(CCBs) will enable the carrying of containerised cargo, with 400 covered large bogie (CLBs) facilitating the carrying of various other commodities such as sugar, cement, salt, cotton, tobacco and coffee.

The MD also explained that 190 petroleum tank bogies (PTB) will be used in the transportation of petroleum products, 70 high large bogies (HLBs) in carrying pipes, timber, logs and iron products, 50 motor goods bogies (MGBs) in transporting motor vehicles, and 50 wagon bogies in carrying cattle.

"For maximum efficiency and the realisation of profits in railway sub-sector, it is necessary to transport goods for a distance of not less than 500 kilometres," he said.

"The arrival of these wagons (next February) will coincide with the expected completion of the construction of the Morogoro-Makutupora section of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), which should put us in an excellent position to do profitable business," he said.

Kadogosa elaborated that, as part of the SGR line project, there will be train cars operating on a 546km high-speed electric line running between Dar es Salaam and various other parts of the country when its construction was over.

"The procurement of new cargo wagons will help to promote domestic trade (across Tanzania) and trade between our country and neighbouring countries including Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda," he said.

The year 2014 saw China's CNR Group and CSR Group agreed to merge, subject to state approval, under an agreement where the former would formally acquire the latter.

However, CSR Corporation Limited

would acquire China CNR Corporation Limited, with the combined businesses renamed CRRC Group and CRRC Corporation Limited, respectively.

The rationales given for the merger were increased efficiency and the ability to compete better internationally, an CNR Group and CSR Group, were once one company, China National Railway Locomotive & Rolling Stock Industry Corporation (LORIC). The company was split up in 2002.

In late 2014, CNR Group and CSR Group agreed to merge, subject to approval by the Chinese state. Under the agreement, CNR Group would formally acquire CSR Group (but CSR Corporation Limited would acquire China CNR Corporation Limited), and the combined business would be renamed CRRC Group and CRRC Corporation Limited respectively.

The rationales given for the merger, which took effect on June 1, 2015, were increased efficiency and the ability to better compete internationally.

The combined company was soon to become the largest railway rolling stock manufacturer in the world holding over 90 per cent of the Chinese market.



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noted that has increased from 104.92 recorded in December, 2021 to 105.59 in January, 2022. The increase of the overall index is attributed to price increase for some food and non-food items.

Some food items that contributed to an increase of the index includes rice by 2.9 percent, maize grains (8.1) wheat flour (1.7), maize flour (3.7) vegetables (1.8) round potatoes (5.8) sweet potatoes (4.8) cooking bananas (4.6) and dried beans (2.5).

On the other hand, some non-food

items that contributed to an increase of the index include school uniforms by 1.8 percent, liquefied hydrocarbons gas (1.0) furniture (2.2), and personal care (1.3).

In Uganda the annual headline inflation rate for the year ended January, 2022 has also decreased to 2.7 per cent from 2.9 percent recorded for the year ended December, 2021.

In Kenya the annual headline inflation rate for the year ended January, 2021 decreased to 5.39 per cent from 5.73 per cent recorded in the year ended December 2021.

Speaker calls upon women to cultivate reading habit

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

SPEAKER of the National Assembly Dr Tulia Ackson has encouraged women leaders to inhibit reading habit about leadership for them to know their position roles and produce positive outcomes in the society.

The newly-elected Speaker said yesterday when speaking with members of the Tanzania Women Parliamentary Group (TWPG) moments before the commencement of National Assembly session in the afternoon.

"Let's read more books about our responsibilities as leaders. Through this, as women we will know how to speak well when serving in different posts," Dr Ackson said.

The TWPG had organised the event at Msekwa Hall within Bunge premises to congratulate and award the Speaker for being elected to the post on Monday last week.

The group also awarded Dr Tulia a trophy and congratulatory card.

She told the women parliamentarians that she would be finding time to meet with them to discuss how they (women) can give more contribution to the country.

"I believe that when we get the opportunity we will be discussing together, I wish to make changes. I will get time to hear from you what to improve more not only for women but also the Parliament, to make it

a more effective bridge between the government and the citizens," she stated.

She added: "To move the agenda forward and help the government we must be at forefront to support our President who is our fellow woman."

Dr Tulia thanked the members of the TWPG for their love and respect to her as their fellow woman.

"Since now we have a female President, no doubt that she would be pleased to receive this information that you organised a special event to congratulate me as your fellow woman," Dr Tulia stated.

She further expressed her optimism over seeing more male MPs advocating for women rights in the Parliament.

TWPG chairperson Shally Raymond hailed Dr Tulia, saying: "you are our think tank, our colleague and we will work closely to support you."

She said the country has ratified various conventions on women rights, including the 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing marked a significant turning point for the global agenda for gender equality.

"On February 1, you were elected by all MPs to become the Speaker. We congratulate you for this position because you become the second woman holding this position," Shally said. She said that Dr Tulia's victory not only contributes to recognition of women's roles but also motivates other women in the country.



Tourists from Zanzibar disembark from a charter plane at Mtembere airstrip inside Nyerere National Park (previously known as Selous Game Reserve), the largest national park in Tanzania and also among the world's largest wildlife sanctuaries. Photo: Correspondent Marc Nkwame

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OCs that you have, this money should go to the project," she stressed, noting: "We should try very hard to use the available resources."

The head of state said that there is a lot of money in councils that was just being squandered regardless of people's development. "Let's go and control them."

She instructed the Ministry of Finance and Planning to ensure that the funds allocated were timely released to facilitate the digital system within the government including the national ICT broadband backbone (NICTBB) to each district.

Commenting on the benefits of NICTBB, President Samia said the system would raise many other issues for Tanzanians to keep their records in the national archives.

"The government is making efforts to have a satellite that will increase the power of communication. If we succeed with that in the future, we will

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ask every Tanzanian to have an online address that will keep all their records," she said, tasking President's Office-Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) to monitor the system as a result of other operations and provide training so that the system is understood by the people while the Ministry of Lands ensures it completes the digital land system.

She urged the Prime Minister's Office-Regional Administration and Local Government (PMO-RALG) and the Ministry of Information, Communications and Information Technology to ensure that it provide regular implementation reports to her.

President Samia said: "When we enter this system we will know

everyone who trades online because right now there are a lot of business people and they do not pay taxes and we do not know; now everyone who does business will study TRA and where so they will go to claim our taxes and pay accordingly."

Vice President Dr Philip Mpango said: "Development is about people so; we need to know where they are, where they are getting services and who they are contacting."

"This system is an important administrative tool that will also help with administrative matters. The leaders we are here with and our subordinates must guide them all about this residential address programme," said Dr Mpango

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said in the project the government will ensure that it actively engages the people to help reduce project costs.

"People must be directly involved in this exercise. We will allocate the project funds to regional committees so that they can set their own streets," said Majaliwa.

Referring to the National Population and Housing Census, the Premier said in the sessions that the central committee had recommended August 22 be the day of census counting people and housing.

Zanzibar's Second Vice-President Hemed Suleiman Abdallah said they are ready and strong to achieve this important project for the nation.

Zanzibar sets indicative sugar prices after spike

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR yesterday announced retail indicative price for sugar

following reports that some traders were out to hike the prices of the sweetener.

Addressing reporters here, Zanzibar

Trade and Industrial Development minister Omar said Shaban said a kilogramme of sugar will continue to be sold at 2,000/-.

He said the aim of the decision is to enable people in the low income bracket to withstand the wave of price hikes on various commodities especially essential goods during the time when the month of Ramadhan is just less than two months away.

He said the government has received requests from sugar importers calling on the government to review its announcement on the indicative price for sugar from 2,000/- to 2,300/- per

kilo saying sugar price has gone up in the world market.

He said after considering the request, the government decided that the commodity's indicative price should remain at 2,000/- per kilo.

However, she said, the request from importers was valid hence the government decided to reduce the import duty for sugar by 50 per cent, at the cost of government revenue.

The minister also gave three months for sugar importers who were given

permits to import the commodity and haven't done so for almost a year to withdraw the permits in case they will not import the commodity.

Speaking to this paper at different times some of the traders at Darajani market praised the government for the decision on reducing import duty on sugar by 50 per cent.

Some of the residents appealed to the government to oversee the price for edible oil as they have done for sugar as the price was still too high.



Tang Yung Peng (R), Assistant General Manager of China's CRRS International Co. Ltd, and Tanzania Railway Corporation Director General Masanja Kadogosa sign a cargo wagon procurement agreement in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent James Kandoya

TCRA to train pupils, students on safe use of internet services

By Henry Mwangonde

THE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has embarked on a campaign to train primary and secondary school students in the safe use of the internet following a rise in incidents of abuse among the youth.

John Daffa, the TCRA director of licensing made this observation at a ceremony to mark World Safe Internet Day. He said TCRA is targeting students and other youths as they are the biggest group of users.

"We use this day to remind users that the internet is for safe use and anyone abusing it will be followed by the law," he said.

TCRA had noticed that internet abuses drop and rise depending on

various factors, which he said are contributed to by a lack of knowledge especially among new users.

Students need to be encouraged and empowered to adopt technology use at a faster rate, while authorities need to make out what needs to be done to support mushrooming techno entrepreneurs, he said.

Tanzania is among countries with the lowest internet prices, he stated, elaborating that the growth of technology also contributes to an increase in internet abuses. The government is committed to increase invest in technology to improve efficiency and productivity, he affirmed.

Baraka Range, a student participating in the World Day contest, said most of the youth fall in the trap of internet

abuse due to lack of knowledge.

Recent TCRA data showed that mobile internet subscribers had surpassed the 27m mark late September last year amid growing public dependency on the internet for executing day-to-day activities, particularly since the coronavirus pandemic outbreak.

TCRA data showed that the country had advanced significantly in the three quarters of 2021, as by the end of the first quarter this year there were 26,832,089 internet users. People's reliance on internet has grown exponentially after the Covid-19 outbreak early last year, he stated.

A substantial portion started using the internet to purchase grocery items, to stay in touch with relatives as well as for official purposes, he added.

Align fares to competitors in domestic routes, ATCL told

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE government has instructed the Air Tanzania Corporation Ltd (ATCL) to conduct research on fares charged by competing airlines for domestic flights to set up a schedule of charges that will attract greater local demand for flight services.

Godfrey Kasekenya, the deputy minister for Works and Transport, told made this observation yesterday when responding to a question by Mussa Omar Salim (Gando) who sought a formal position on ATCL fares which he said were too high for ordinary Tanzanians.

In the basic question, the MP wondered why ATCL fares have been changing regularly, especially for the Dar es Salaam to Dodoma route, noting that ticket prices have at times gone up to 600,000/- from Dar es Salaam to Dodoma, qualifying the charge as too high.

Responding, the deputy minister said the ticketing system in air transport is a key to competition to attract customers.

Airlines compete using a strategy where tickets are graded differently by specific criteria such as ticket price, number of passengers, ticket booking time, ticket terms and transport classes such as economy or business class, he affirmed.

"On this, passengers who book the tickets earlier get low prices and those who come late get high prices. The system is used globally by air companies and the prices are scaled to various classes," he stated.

Air Tanzania flights (economy class) range from 331,400/- to 678,400/- while in the business class the fare price ranges from 721,600/- to 953,000/-.

"The high class or business class always has high prices due to special services offered to the customer, with flight attendants serving the customers with exceptional services as per the paid fares," he added.



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Under the National Indicative Programme (NIP) for Tanzania (2014 – 2020) of the 11th European Development Fund, the European Union is collaborating with the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to support Beekeeping subsector, through the BEVAC project. The BEVAC is part of the intervention under the NIP focal sector of Agriculture, which the latter aimed to enhance management of natural resources, including forests, and ecosystem services for sustainable agriculture development and climate adaptation. The action supports the enhancement of the beekeeping industry's contribution to inclusive economic growth in Tanzania.

Specifically, the action will improve the beekeeping value chain through enhanced quality production, value addition of bee products and strengthen trade and market access to local, regional, and international markets.

The implementation of the BEVAC project is through Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (MNRT), which is the line ministry responsible for the beekeeping subsector, together with the Ministry of Industries and Trade (MIT), which is responsible for promotion of market and trade including of the bee products.

Enabel has been engaged by the EU Delegation in agreement with the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to implement the project in Pemba Island and in the mainland regions of Tabora, Kigoma, Katavi, Shinyanga and Singida.

Through its result areas, Enabel is now looking for consultants to conduct an in-depth analysis of the beekeeping market system and value chain within the targeted intervention areas.

The assignment shall analyse the functioning of the value chain, the value addition stages, the challenges faced in production and marketing of honey and other bee products, the profits and costs at each stage, and map the key players in the value chain. This information gathered will be used to inform the development of upgrading strategies together with the accompany value chain intervention plans.

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Govt now tapping private actors in milk collection

By Getrude Mbago

THE government is working on a strategy to engage the private sector to facilitate the construction and rehabilitation of infrastructures like milk collection centres, to stimulate the production and processing of the product.

Exaud Kigaha, the deputy minister for Investment, Industry and Trade, made this observation in the National Assembly yesterday during the questions and answers session, explaining that the strategic plan focuses on reaching smallholder producers of milk in rural and urban areas.

They will be provided with education and access farming support to increase productivity, he said, acknowledging that the dairy industry is potentially lucrative sectors and among key drivers to industrialisation, along with food and nutrition security.

Investing in strategic ways shall boost the milk value chain and the ministry sees it as a matter of paramount importance, he stated.

"We are working on a strategy to engage the private sector on the construction of adequate milk collection centres in urban and rural areas to boost production and processing of the milk," he said when responding to a question by Zaytu Swai (Special Seats).

In her basic question, MP Swai sought to know government plans to set up milk processing factories in Arusha Region to stimulate the production and value addition of the product, to which the deputy minister noted that Arusha region is among areas with a large number of milk sheds, as it produces 30,550 litres to 500,000 litres annually.

The region has 18 dairy processing plants of various capacities registered with the Tanzania Dairy Board (TDB),

he said, elaborating that a good amount of milk does not enter the formal market. This portion fails to be processed due to the limited collection centres especially among pastoral communities, thus the government was working to address the challenge by setting up more collection centres, he said.

The estimated capacity of the processing factories is about 43,789.2 litres per annum but handles an average of 6,315.4 litres annually, he stated, expressing concern on the slight amount.

"A large amount of milk produced ends up on the streets due to lack of a market and quality storage facilities," he said, noting that efforts are being taken to ensure that more milk enters the formal system.

Reports show that despite Tanzania ranking number three in cattle populations in Africa after Ethiopia and Sudan, the dairy industry is still lagging behind.

From its cattle population of around 33m head, Tanzania produces over 3.4bn litres of milk annually, where only three percent is processed and the bulk is sold unprocessed and unregulated. This affects smallholder farmers and the country's economy, he added.



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Dr Hawa Mkwela (2nd-L), the Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam - Mzizima president, presents books on leadership to the club's patron at Jangwani Girls Secondary School, teacher Ayoub Msuya (R), and student Joan Chundu in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. The club also held leadership training and donated 300 books on personal leadership to the school. Left is the author of the books, Rotarian Ntangeki Nshala. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE government has expressed its commitment to continue setting aside sufficient funds every year for the procurement of medical equipment and drugs to facilitate the provision of quality health services countrywide.

Festo Dugange, the Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), told the legislature yesterday that in the 2021/22 financial year, the government has set aside 11.3bn/- for the purchase.

He said the government intends to ensure that all dispensaries and health centres have the needed medical appliances and drugs so that the public

Ministry following up on equipment, drugs for dispensaries, health centres

get quality health services.

He cited Msalala district as among the beneficiaries to which the government has set aside 376m/- for the purchase of medical equipment and appliances, issuing these explanations in responding to a question by Kassim Idd (Msalala) who sought for a time frame for the government to ensure all dispensaries and health centres in the district have the requisite medical appliances and drugs.

In 2021/22 financial year, Msalala

district was budgeted at 1.05bn/- for the medical devices but as of December 2021, the government had disbursed 178m/-, he stated, pointing out that Isaka and Mwalugulu health centres have similar allocations.

They have a budget of 600m/- for purchase of medical equipment and devices while Matinje, Mwakima and Kabondo dispensaries share out 150m/- in medical supplies, the deputy minister elaborated.

The government will beef up the

budget for medical appliances and drugs as time goes on with availability of financial resources, wishing to ensure that all dispensaries and health facilities have the needed drugs and medical equipment, he stated.

The government has directed regional administrations and local government authorities to enforce local revenue collection, part of which to be channelled to purchase medical services, he added.



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Cash withdraw over the counter All other products	0 - 1,500,000 = 7,000 1,500,001 - 10,000,000 = 7,500 10,000,001 - 20,000,000 = 8,000 20,000,001 & above = 0.12% (Max 200,000)	2% of the value Min 5 Max 100	2% of the value Min 5 Max 100	2% of the value Min 5 Max 100
Alternative Channels BIR Fund Transfer to Mobile Wallets	0 - 9,999 = 1,000 10,000 - 49,999 = 3,000 50,000 - 99,999 = 4,500 100,000 - 299,999 = 5,500 300,000 - 1,500,000 = 10,000		N/A	
NBC ATM Cash withdraw All other accounts	5,000 - 50,000 = 1,300 50,001 - 199,999 = 1,500 200,000 - 299,999 = 1,700 300,000 - 350,000 = 1,800 350,001 & above = 2,000	3		N/A
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Non NBC ATM Cash withdrawal	5,000	5		N/A
Cards Issuance Private Banking ; Extra / Secondary card	25,000	24	12	12
Quarterly Debit Fee Private Banking / La Riba Private Banking / Privilege Banking	12,500	5.3		N/A
Quarterly Debit Fee Shambani product	2,000			N/A
Quarterly Debit Fee All other products / accounts	5,000	5		N/A
Balance Inquiry over the Counter	2,500	0.5	0.5	0.5
Business Internet Banking Internet Bulk Payment per Entry (OFF US)	1,200			N/A
Business Internet Banking Bulk Salary processing per entry (ON US - NBC account holder)	500			USD Equiv

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EAST AFRICAN
CRUDE OIL
PIPELINE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: OFFICE DESIGN & RENOVATION SERVICES

REFERENCE NO. 0010007463

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Co. LTD. invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in providing services to design and renovate offices for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project in Dar Es Salaam. The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

In building our presence in Dar Es Salaam, EACOP will be welcoming over 300 employees and contractors over the coming year. In anticipation of securing office space in the coming weeks, EACOP is looking to select a contractor to assist with the planning and renovation of this space in keeping with the needs of our growing company.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

- Turn-key design - build and construction for the renovation within the selected space.
- Sourcing materials on-time and as needed.
- Interior design and construction.
- Space planning for occupancy.
- Project management capacity.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Proven track record and extensive experience in office design, construction and/or renovation within Dar Es Salaam (i.e. over the last 10 years).
- Able to produce and amend as necessary drawings and blueprints in line with the services under tender
- Demonstrated capacity to work within project schedules and budget.
- Proven HSE management capacity suitable for office renovation activities.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for
- Application for registration with the EVURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Business licence to operate in this specific area/professional.

Companies which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before 15:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on February 21st, 2022. Email address should be 0010007463.

Note:The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language.

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

School land areas to be surveyed, get title deeds

DISTRICTS in Mbeya Region will be conducting surveys of all school land plots for issuance of title deeds to avoid conflicts with other land users.

Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera referred to this policy instruction early this week, noting that regional authorities have lately realized that land plots for public institutions, including schools, usually lack title deeds, and are thus open to conflicting claims.

He said in an interview on the region's strategies to raise the pass rate for pupils and students during the current year that regional consultative meetings noticed many challenges in the education sector.

One of them is that schools were built on non-surveyed areas both the area that the schools occupy and land around schools. They lack title deeds

that can be shown in case of conflicting claims.

Another problem is examination pass levels among schools located in peripheral areas, where absenteeism is high and there are significant cases of pregnancies, he said.

"In the circumstances, I directed district councils to follow up on schools that are distant from urban centres, and increase allocation of science teachers for these schools," he stated.

For his part, Rungwe District Commissioner Dr Vincent Anney said that in the current financial year Busokelo District has allocated 35m/- for the construction of 32 pit latrines.

About 160m/- was allocated for

the construction of eight classrooms for primary schools and 7.5m/- for completion of the construction of 11 pit latrines, he stated.

Kyela DC Ismail Mlawa said that implementation of school infrastructures has been finalised in regard to 67 classrooms, for 1,985 desks and chairs.

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By Correspondent Rose Mwalongo

Dutch embassy to hold two climate talks in Dar

THE Dutch Embassy in Tanzania will organise two dialogues on climate to stimulate a dialogue about climate action.

The two dialogues will go alongside a public photo exhibition from February 10 to March 3 in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking during a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Wiebe de Boer, ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Tanzania said the exhibition and events intend to enhance the awareness in Tanzania about the impact of climate change as well as to inspire people, especially youth, to take joint action."

The exhibition according to the envoy showcases impactful visual

stories on the climate crisis, from the everyday impact on local communities to global consequences.

On February 10, the embassy will convene 'climate talk' about building climate resilient food systems in Tanzania.

"On February 24 there will be a climate talk 'Take charge of our future!' with a special focus on youth and their role in climate action. On Friday 11 February Kadir van Lohuizen will give a lecture on the human consequences

of rising sea levels," said the envoy.

The exhibition will be open to the public from February 9 to March 3, 2022 at the Alliance Française.

The events are part of joint initiatives by the embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Tanzania and NOOR Images in partnership with SNV, Justdiggit, Hivos, the British Council Tanzania, and the Alliance Française.

Both the exhibition and the side events will take place at the Alliance Française.

By Correspondent Mary Kadoko

CRDB, ZIC in partnership for loaning, insuring traders

CRDB Bank in partnership with the Zanzibar Insurance Co. (ZIC) yesterday agreed on a strategy to enroll 60 percent of market traders in the central wholesale and retail district in Dar es Salaam, with affordable business insurance and loans to boost their businesses.

The enrollment starts with Mchikichini market in Ilala District as a

pilot scheme in an effort to cover costs associated with property damage and loan liability claims.

CRDB head of insurance Moureen Majaliwa said the bank is responsible to support small traders in disaster moments, on the basis of available business insurance.

"As a bank, supporting traders is

unavoidable particularly in relation to property damage," she said, noting that adjusting the business insurance scheme is needed to bring onboard small traders with business insurance so as to cover costs in disaster situations.

In the new drive the bank will start with 5000 traders at the



Her Initiative managing director Lydia Moyo (C) and DOT Tanzania trainer Sekela Yona (R) pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend presenting a dummy cheque for 5m/- to Suzan Yumbe from Afya Plus, winner of a competition the rights of girls and women involving 18 youth institutions. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

collecting particulars of Mchikichini market traders to create a viable database for their inclusion in the scheme.

Often during outbreaks of fire or other types of destruction people list out damages that cannot be verified, so to avoid this situation ZIC is engaging the Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA) rules on the matter so as to make the project successful, she added.

Mchikichini market, going hand in hand with raising awareness on benefits of having business insurance and a bank account, she further noted.

"The awareness campaign will inform traders on the likely advantages of having a bank account and insurance cover in case of fire accidents and in

seeking to access bank loans," she stated.

ZIC business manager Hamida Juma said that product designing is already at a start-up level, noting that the partnership with CRDB was pivotal to the product. ZIC is the main agent on business insurance and in designing the product ZIC was



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Expression of Interest

Provision of Consultancy Services: Data Collection for the Retail Audit Survey (RFQ 0001-2022) and Data Quality Assessment (RFQ 0002-2022)

Background and project description

Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs (Referred as 'CCP') is an American NGO registered to operate in Tanzania as an Organization limited by guarantee and is domiciled in Tanzania. On 22nd January 2008, the Organization was issued a Certificate of Compliance No 1982 as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), having met the requirement of the NGO status.

The USAID Tanzania Vector Control Activity (TVCA) is a USAID-funded activity that implements proven, evidence-based vector control approaches in Tanzania, focusing on insecticide-treated nets (ITNs). TVCA works with the Government of Tanzania sector ministries and malaria partners, providing state-of-the-art reviews, advice, and plans concerning developments in vector control and their implementation.

2. Purpose of the consultancy services: Data Collection for the Retail Audit

Survey (RFQ 0001-2022)

TVCA is seeking an experienced firm to collect data for the Retail outlet survey to track the quantities/market share, prices, and origins of untreated nets and LLINs in Tanzania annually and leaked LLINs. As part of the retail outlet survey, the data collection team will interview wholesalers, distributors, retailers, manufacturers, and Tanzania Bureau of Standards (market inspections) to gain insights on and monitor trends in market shares for legitimate LLINs, leaked or counterfeit nets, untreated nets (local and imported) as well as prices, consumer preferences, purchase habits, and supply chain issues, including barriers to market entry at lower levels.

3. Purpose of the consultancy services: Data Quality Assessment (RFQ 0002-2022)

TVCA is seeking an individual consultant to conduct a Data Quality Assessment (DQA) and document the strengths and weaknesses of the data collected and reported to USAID by applying the five USAID data quality standards. This assessment will inform TVCA how best to improve data collection, storage, and reporting system.

4. Timeframe

Work will commence after the execution of the agreement by both CCP and the Consultant. All deliverables should be completed within eight weeks of the execution of the contract.

5. Required Experience

Previous experience in data collection in the health sector and data quality assessment in the health sector is required.

6. Application Requirements

Interested applicants may request a full RFQ document to mkisusi1@jh.edu On your request, please indicate the consultancy service you are interested in in the subject line (i.e., *Data Collection for the Retail Audit Survey (RFQ 0001-2022)* or *Data Quality Assessment (RFQ 0002-2022)*).

The deadline for requesting the RFQ document is **15th February 2022** at 5 pm. The deadline for application submission will be on **18th February 2022** at 5 pm.



UNITED NATIONS
TANZANIA

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

The United Nations (UN) agencies in Tanzania are reviewing their supplier databases being used for invitation of bids/request for proposal for procurement of various regular and emergency supplies and services required for implementation of their programmes in the country. On behalf of all UN agencies in Tanzania, UNICEF would like to invite all interested and eligible suppliers and service providers, including manufacturers, dealers, wholesalers, retailers, research institutions, management and other consulting firms to submit their Expression of Interest if they wish to do business with UN agencies based on Tanzania. The interested vendors/suppliers/consulting firms who meet the requirements as stipulated in the detailed Request for Expression of Interest which can be downloaded from the UNGM link given below.

Products and services range

The suppliers, manufacturers, wholesalers and consulting firms of the following supply and services category (but not limited to) are requested to submit their EOIs:

- Vendors, Suppliers, General Traders and Manufacturers of various supplies and equipment
- Administrative, Transport, Logistics and other services
- Construction works and services
- Research and Management Consulting Firms:
- Financial services

The detailed list of supplies and services can be downloaded from the UNGM link given below:

Interested suppliers/service providers and consulting firms who are interested to work with United Nations in Tanzania should download the UN supplier profile form, UN General Terms and Conditions and a list of products and services from the following link:

<https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/166125>

Please note that all UN bidding documents including the Expression of Interest, Supplier Profile Form are free of charge and suppliers/service providers are NOT required to pay for any pre-qualification and bidding processes.

Deadline for submission of EOI

The Expression of Interest along with duly completed supplier profile form together with all relevant supporting documents including a detailed company profile should be submitted: By email (with attachments not exceeding 25MB) with subject heading EXPRESSION OF INTEREST to the following email address: Tanzania-Bids2020@unicef.org

Deadline for the submission of EXPRESSION OF INTEREST is **28th February, 2022**.

SAGCOT, seed firms review seed policy, laws to manage well agricultural reforms

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

A two-day seed growing course conducted by the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (Sagcot) which ended here yesterday has called on government to ensure district councils set aside land for seeds growing and research.

The training, sponsored by the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), brought together representatives of the government and seed companies, the TOSCI, TASTA, TRA, ASA, TARI and TAEC. Officials reviewed the seed policy and laws, challenges encountered so and impediments in implementing the policy and laws as Tanzania battles to reform its agriculture and create employment.

The training-cum-review was organised against the backdrop of the current agricultural reforms spearheaded by the Agricultural Sector Development Programme Phase Two (ASDP II), the centrality and availability of quality seeds in implementing the ASDP in order to increase crop production and rolled out sustainable jobs for Tanzania's youth.

Sagcot now regarded as Tanzania's torch bearer in modernizing farming and transforming peasants, conducted training based on its experience in catalyzing responsible agribusiness investments in Tanzania and raising smallholders' livelihoods in southern regions of Tanzania.

Briefing journalists at the end of the course, Sagcot's policy manager, Khalid Mgalamo, said during the review it was felt that there is an urgent need to improve the business environment for growing quality seed in the country. The seminar underscored the fact that seed companies are strategic stakeholders in generating future jobs for the youth and increasing

agricultural productivity. One of the challenges that came to fore is that district councils do not set aside land for seed growing and uninterrupted researches for benefit farmers in respective districts.

"In farming, seeds are an important link in all aspects of the production chain in the agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors. As a nation we cannot afford to belittle the centrality of seeds in pushing forward our agricultural reforms," he said, adding that Sagcot will be the coordinator of the efforts in production of quality seeds and their availability of farmers.

The managing director of the Tanzania Seeds Traders Association (TASTA), Baldwin Shuma, said the training has come at the right time in implementing the agricultural reforms and underscored the appeal to the government to ensure district council set aside land for seed production in order to attract investors. "Apportioning of land will instill confidence in the investor that he will do successful business," he explained.

Bytrade (T) Ltd managing director, Harishv Dhutia, said the seminar showed Tanzania's determination to implement seriously the agricultural reforms. He thanked Sagcot for conducting the training and called for urgent implementation of the recommendations made.

TOSCI representative, Dr Adolf Saria, said without quality seeds, the envisaged reform will fail. "Sagcot has done a good job. A lot of sticky issues in producing quality seeds for the farming community were discussed and recommendations made," he said adding that it is important to implement the recommendations on availability of quality seeds in order to increase efficiency in Tanzania's agriculture.



Freddy Mwesiga (L), a senior tax officer with the Tanzania Revenue Authority, pictured in Tarime yesterday listening to car accessories dealer Soti Warioba during the ongoing countrywide taxpayer education campaign. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Traders called upon to participate in TRA taxpayers' education campaign

By Guardian Reporter, Tarime

TARIME District Commissioner Col. Michael Mntenjele has appealed to traders to come in big numbers during the taxpayers' education campaign to be conducted in the district from door to door in order to air their complaints and come up with solutions.

Addressing a team of Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) officials

conducting the campaign in the district, the DC said it was important for traders to come out in big numbers to learn the benefits of paying taxes for their country, the money that is used for the country various development projects and social services delivery.

For her part, clothing trader, Zuhura Ally said she was very happy with the exercise because she had the

opportunity to air her complaints that have already been dealt with by TRA.

"Sure, it is a good thing for TRA to know how traders get on and today they have begun getting solutions to their problems, and for me I have been told to report to the TRA office to address other challenges facing her," she said.

Another trader dealing in motor vehicles' accessories, Soti Warioba

said that TRA officers have changed a lot as opposed to what they were in the past when shopkeeper used to fear opening their shops after hearing their imminent coming.

A team of TRA officers conducting door to door campaign on taxpayers' education in Mara Region were now in Tarime District continuing with the campaign; thereafter, they will visit other districts in the region.

TMDA to educate youths on effects of tobacco use

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

TANZANIA Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) in the southern highlands zone says that as for now one of their strategies is to provide education to youths on the effects of the use of tobacco products.

The remarks were given here yesterday by TMDA's southern highlands zone

manager, Anitha Mshingathi, saying among the policies prepared by the authority is to protect the youths under 18 years of age and all other people not using tobacco.

She said they will make sure the community is well informed on the adverse effects of tobacco use and the benefits from abandoning the habit.

"The guidelines that have been prepared will assist to make frequent inspections

on tobacco products by directing users to smoke in special areas set aside as well prohibiting smoke in crowded areas," said Mshingathi.

He called owners of entertainment establishments, houses of worship, colleges, market areas, airports, bus stops and sports grounds to set aside special areas for smokers.

He also called on local councils to

abide by regulations that govern the delegation of responsibilities and other TMA's duties to the Councils via GN No. 476 of 2015 and amendments thereof via GN no 19 of 2017.

He said delegation responsibilities is to adhere section 113 (2) of the Local Government Act for the councils to inspect areas that provide health services drugs and medical devices.

Emerging marketing rankings show African gains in digital readiness

DUBAI, UAE

LEADING African economies that have struggled to improve their infrastructure, business conditions and overall competitiveness are generally performing better against other emerging markets in areas that measure their digital skills and sustainability.

That's one of the findings of the 2022 Agility Emerging Markets Logistics Index, a ranking of the world's 50 leading emerging markets.

Kenya ranks 28th in the overall Index but is 17th in digital readiness. South Africa, No. 24 overall, is 21st in digital readiness. Likewise, Ghana is 32nd overall and 23rd in digital readiness.

The Index, now in its 13th year, ranks countries for overall competitiveness based on their logistics strengths, business climates and, for the first time, their digital readiness - all factors that make them attractive to logistics providers, freight forwarders, air and ocean carriers, distributors and investors. The Index includes a survey of 756 supply chain industry professionals. Digital readiness assesses digital skills, training, Internet access, e-commerce growth, investment climate, and ability to nurture startups, as well as sustainability factors such as renewable energy mix, lower emissions intensity and green initiatives.

"The connection between a country's digital capabilities and growth prospects is undeniable," Agility CEO Tarek Sultan said. "The competitiveness of emerging markets countries will be determined by their ability to develop digitally skilled businesses and talent pools, and find the resolve to lower their emissions in ways that spur growth rather than sacrificing it."

The importance of digital readiness was apparent in the survey. Logistics executives identified adoption of technology as the leading driver of economic and business growth for emerging markets. The top focus areas for their companies: technology and sustainability.

In addition to performing relatively well in digital readiness, Ghana improved its year-to-year rankings in international logistics infrastructure (to 37th from 45th); domestic logistics infrastructure (to 36th from 38th); and business fundamentals (to 28th from 32nd).

Most logistics industry executives see moderate-to-strong economic growth and little or no chance of recession in 2022, even without immediate relief from the snarled supply chains and sky-high ocean and air freight rates triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Roughly two-thirds of the 756 industry professionals surveyed for the Index (<https://bit.ly/3LgmmZW>) believe shippers will see cargo rates come down by the end of the year. Eighty-percent see port bottlenecks, air capacity shortages and trucking issues easing by year end.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE UNDER THE CONVERGED LICENSING FRAMEWORK

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority has received application for Licence under the Converged Licensing Framework from the following applicants: -

S/N	NAME OF APPLICANT	TYPE OF LICENCE	SHAREHOLDERS /NATIONALITY	SHARES %
1.	Registered Trustees of Moravian Church in Tanzania-Eastern Province (MCT-EP)	District Content Services (Commercial Broadcasting-Television)	1. Saul Kulyafiki Kajula (Tanzanian) 2. Hezron Jimson Mwankenja (Tanzanian) 3. Milline Jethro Mbonile (Tanzanian) 4. Ena Donald Mwaijande (Tanzanian)	Trustees don't own shares they only administer property on behalf of beneficiaries.

Pursuant to Section 8 Of Electronic and Postal Communications Act, Cap 306 Of The Laws of Tanzania, written comments are hereby invited from any interested person in respect of the grant of licences to the applicants to reach the Authority, within 14 days of publication of this notice. Such comments will be taken into consideration when the Authority considers the applications.

Comments should be addressed to:

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Mudrik Ramadhan Soraga (2nd-L), Minister of State in the Zanzibar President's Office (Labour, Economy and Investment), pictured yesterday receiving documents from DCB Bank managing director Godfrey Ndalaha. This was when a delegation from bank visited him in Zanzibar for a briefing on the services it offers and talks on investment opportunities. With them are DCB head of marketing and communications Rahma Ngasa (R) and Zanzibar Investment Centre CEO Arafat A. Haji. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Shinyanga students ditch classes in favour of farm work - master

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

THE existence of a demonstration in Nyida ward, Shinyanga District has made some parents take their children away from classes in Nyida and Puni primary schools and instead send to their farms to learn about cash crops growing.

Nyida primary school headteacher Shabani Kitumbi revealed this at Puni village on Monday in an interview with this paper on media assignment to learn about customs traditions that contribute to gender based violence and child abuse in the media project and its position in eradicating these vices in the society.

The project is being implemented by Shinyanga Press Club (SPC) under sponsorship of Women Fund Tanzania (WFT).

He said during seasonal rains parents take their children to the farms to assist them with farm work after which they go back to school to continue with their schooling.

He said this habit has resulted in many children not be able to read or write after finishing primary

education.

Kitumbi said in the ward there is a demonstration farm to which parents take their children to learn about modern farming practices, the habit that has made many children abandon schools.

"If we use the laws that exist, this school will be depleted of students because the abandon school for more than three months after which they return to school, the practice that we have been complaining to parents through various school board sittings," said Kitumbi.

For his part, Nyida Ward acting executive officer Baudi Kahima said his office has been receiving reports and list of students who run away from school to do farm work, and that he has been working together with the school's management to make sure children return to school.

Speaking on behalf of other parents, Lucy Michael said many parents who take their children from school to do farm work were those who lack awareness in regard to education hence these need to be educated on the importance of education.

Leather firm donates food, items to Songea orphanage

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

DAR ESSALAAM based leather goods making firm, Woiso Original Products Ltd has donated food and other items to support 27 children at SWACCO orphanage centre at Mwingemshindo in Songea Municipality, Ruvuma Region.

Presenting the items include maize flour, sugar, rice, sardines (dagaa) and exercise books to Rose Haule, the Centre's patron. Woiso Original Products Ltd marketing manager

Joachim Komba said the firm has been contributing a lot to orphans in various areas.

He told the children at the orphanage to continue studying hard so as to realise their life dreams and help the nation in future.

He also praised the government for its efforts in the national development as well as assistance to the orphanage including other children living in difficult surroundings.

He also called upon other stakeholders to see the importance

in assisting other orphanages centres including SWACCO. Receiving the donation, the orphanage's head Rose Haule said the orphanage has had many children reared at the centre who are studying in primary, secondary schools and even in universities.

She said the orphanage rears children from 5 days old upwards and has been facing various challenges including shortage of food, mattresses, beds uniforms and school fees for children from the centre who were pursuing further education.

TOSCI, TARI to release five new grape varieties

By Correspondent

Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI) is conducting characterisation for grapevine lines at the Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI-Makutupora Centre) for release as new varieties in Tanzania.

The grapevine lines in question include three table grapes (black rose, alphonse lavelle and queen of vineyard), wine grapes (syrah) and wine raisin grapes (ruby seedless).

Giving an exclusive interview to The Guardian yesterday, Matengia Swai, acting director of research and promotion from TOSCI, explained that the exercise was based on the tests for distinctiveness, uniformity and stability (DUS) of the five grapevine lines.

"Principally, the characterisation exercise is conducted at each stage of crop development from bud bursting to berry ripening for all the grapevines," she said.

She observed that the on-going vital exercise will play a pivotal role in providing the grapes farmers in Dodoma region with certified varieties, the development which will automatically help to heighten production and productivity of the economic cash crop which flourishes well in Dodoma region.

Swai detailed that during the end of last year, TOSCI developed a special draft seed certification standards for different tree crops with an eye to improve performance of the agriculture sector, saying the on-going exercise at TARI Makutupora grapevine yard was part

to implement the vision.

Apart from grapes, she disclosed other tree crops under the characterization exercise as avocado, coffee, tea, cashew, oil palm, orange, mangoes, pawpaw, apple and banana.

"TOSCI is partnering with TARI and other likeminded Agro stakeholders including the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) to supervise for the needed standards of seed varieties in the country in order to stimulate the general performance of the sector," she insisted.

Research assistant at TARI Makutupora Centre, Dr. Andekelile Mwamahonje said that the development is among a chain of on-going initiatives at the grapes research designated center to improve production in wine and grapes sectors.

"Together with that, the exercise aims to put into practice the directives from Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa over the need to heighten cultivation of table grapes within

the country.

He observed that there are only two registered grape varieties in Tanzania, which are Makutupora red and Chenin white, all wine-based.

"Demand for table grapes varieties is currently very high among the farmers and thus, we're working round the clock in cooperation with TOSCI to ensure these three varieties are timely released in order to quench farmers' thirst," Dr. Mwamahonje added.

He said the release of the varieties will go in tandem with a special move to impart the farmers with needed agronomic practices for the cultivation of table grapes.

"Table grapes require more water, there's a need to sensitize farmers to join in special production groups in order to access possible loans from financial institutions to help them install modern and vast irrigation schemes at their farming locations," he expressed.



CONSULTANCY POSITION

PROJECT MONITOR FOR THE GIRL'S RETENTION AND TRANSITION INITIATIVE (GRTI)

PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited (PwC), on behalf of our client, invites eligible incumbents to indicate their interest to provide individual consultancy services as Project Monitor for the Girls Retention and Transition Initiative (GRTI) project implemented by HakiElimu through a direct support from the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD).

The incumbent's responsibility will be to monitor the overall implementation of the GRTI project during its full project cycle, with particular attention to progress made in achieving results related to established outcomes, outputs, performance indicators and targets, and risks.

The ideal Project Monitor will possess the following key qualifications:

- Master's degree in relevant discipline from a recognized University.
- Five (5) years of professional work experience in monitoring development projects, including gender equality results in developing countries, preferably Tanzania or East Africa region.
- Five (5) years professional work experience as a technical expert in capacity building and continuous support to Implementing Partners (especially local NGOs and CSOs) in results-based management, monitoring and reporting activities in one or more of the following sectors: education, health, inclusive economic growth, inclusive governance.
- Experience in developing and operationalizing Results Based Monitoring Plan for development work.
- Experience in project management, managing procurement, work plans and budgets.
- Experience of working with Development Partners, stakeholders from the Non-Government Organizations and the Government at all levels.


In addition to the key qualifications above, the incumbent is also expected to demonstrate the following skills and competencies:

- Data management and report writing skills.
- Risks management skills.
- Advanced professional proficiency in reading, spoken and written English – level 4+ as explained in http://www.international.gc.ca/fat-iaeci/test_levels-niveaux.aspx?lang=eng and the ability to work in Kiswahili will be a significant asset.
- Knowledge of gender equality and equity policy priorities and processes in Tanzania.

Interested individual incumbents may obtain detailed description of these services by sending a request email to procurement@fssptz.org. Requests for further information will be received up to three working days prior to the submission deadline. Any request received later than that may not be responded to.

Interested incumbents should send their Expressions of Interest ONLY electronically to procurement@fssptz.org not later than **21st February 2022 at 23:59 hours**. Late Expressions of Interest shall not be accepted for evaluation, irrespective of the circumstances.

FSSP Manager



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NORTH MARA

REQUEST FOR TENDER

PASTE PLANT EQUIPMENT'S DESIGN AND SUPPLY

North Mara Gold Mine, a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Tenders from reputable, experienced, certified and qualified parties to provide the following goods:

Conveyor Systems, Pump Sets and Compressor with Air Dryer and Receivers

Pre-qualification Criteria

Reference No.	Description	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1 NM29/2021/C/1	Design & Supply of Conveyor Systems	i. Experience in designed, engineered, manufactured, performance tested, supply and commissioning conveyor systems with minimum capacity of 500 dry tons/hour ii. Should have supplied conveyor system's meeting above requirement within last 3 years from closing date of EOI and should be in successful operation for a period not less than one year as on the date of closing of EOI iii. Preferred Make – Techmatic, Consulmet, Takraf, Simem or equivalent iv. Able to supply commissioning spares & maintenance spares v. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified vi. Installation and commissioning support and assistance vii. Lead time of delivery
2 NM29/2021/C/2	Supply of Pump Sets for Paste & Filtration Plant	i. Experience in designed, engineered, manufactured, performance tested, supply, and commissioning of pumps. Type – Centrifugal, Vertical spindle with design flow rates ranging from 15 m3/hour to 1000 m3/hr (with minimal suspended solids) ii. Preferred Make – Weir Minerals Africa (Pty) Ltd, KSB Pumps and Valves (Pty) Ltd, Sulzer or equivalent iii. Able to supply commissioning spares & maintenance spares iv. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified v. Installation and commissioning support and assistance vi. Lead time of delivery
3 NM29/2021/C/3	Supply of Air Compressors, Receiver, Air Dryer, Instrument Air Receiver	i. Experience in designed, engineered, manufactured, performance-tested, supply, and commissioning of Compressors, Type – Rotary screw compressor or equivalent with 750CFM @ 860 Kpa. Refrigerated air dryer or similar 250CFP @690 KPA and Air receivers with 4m3 volume ii. Preferred Make – Epiroc, Atlas Copco, or equivalent iii. Able to supply commissioning spares & maintenance spares iv. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified v. Installation and commissioning support and assistance vi. Lead time of delivery

Expression of interest

If your company meets the pre-qualification criteria and would like to be considered to receive the invitation to tender (ITT), an expression of interest (EOI) including your company profile and evidence of compliance with pre-qualification criteria may be submitted to nm.proposal@barrick.com

Applicants must quote the tender reference "Paste Plant Equipment's Design and Supply 3" along with the respective reference no.(s) in the subject line of the email.

NB: The Company reserves the right to invite any other supplier(s) who did not submit an EOI through this advertisement.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of NMGM

Key Dates

- Last date to submit EOI **14th February, 2022**

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Tanzania still lagging behind in terms of fish production

FISH farming involves commercial breeding of fish, usually for food, in fish tanks or artificial enclosures such as fish ponds. It is a particular type of aquaculture, which is the controlled cultivation and harvesting of aquatic animals such as fish. A facility that releases juvenile fish into the wild for recreational fishing or to supplement a species' natural numbers is generally referred to as a fish hatchery. Worldwide, the most important fish species produced in fish farming are carp, catfish, salmon and tilapia.

Global demand is increasing for dietary fish protein, which has resulted in widespread overfishing in wild fisheries, resulting in significant decrease in fish stocks and even complete depletion in some regions. Fish farming allows establishment of artificial fish colonies that are provided with sufficient feeding, protection from natural predators and competitive threats, access to veterinarian service, and easier harvesting when needed, while being separate from and thus do not usually impact the sustainable yields of wild fish populations. While fish farming are practised worldwide, China alone provides 62 per cent of the world's farmed fish production.

Generally, a fishery is an entity engaged in raising or harvesting fish which is determined by some authority to be a fishery. According to the FAO, a fishery is typically defined in terms of the people involved, species or type of fish, area of water or seabed, method of fishing, class of boats, purpose of the activities or a combination of the foregoing features. The definition often includes a combination of fish and fishers in a region, the latter fishing for similar species with similar gear types.

A fishery may involve the capture

of wild fish or raising fish through fish farming or aquaculture. Directly or indirectly, the livelihood of over 500 million people in developing countries depends on fisheries and aquaculture. Overfishing, including the taking of fish beyond sustainable levels, is reducing fish stocks and employment in many world regions.

Fisheries provide about 260 million full-time and part-time jobs globally with seafood products a critical export for developing nations.

Millions of people could lose their livelihoods, food source, and be forced from their homes if the world does not meet the Paris goal to curb global warming which is endangering fish numbers, Canadian researchers said recently.

Overfishing is particularly bad in parts of the developing world where many people already struggle to get enough nutritious food to eat

A third of the world's oceans are overfished and fish consumption is at an all-time high, raising fears over the sustainability of a key source of protein for millions around the world, the United Nations warned in a report in July last year.

Overfishing is particularly bad in parts of the developing world where many people already struggle to get enough nutritious food to eat, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) report said.

"There's too much pressure on marine resources and we need significantly more commitments from governments to improve the state of their fisheries," said Manuel Barange, director of the FAO fisheries and aquaculture department.

We predict that Africa will have to import fish in the future and that shortages could lead to higher prices, disproportionately affecting the poor.

Strong economic growth should advance human development

ECONOMIC growth is the most powerful instrument for reducing poverty and improving the quality of life in developing countries. Both cross-country research and country case studies provide overwhelming evidence that rapid and sustained growth is critical to making faster progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals - and not just the first goal of halving the global proportion of people living on less than \$1 a day. Growth can generate virtuous circles of prosperity and opportunity.

Strong growth and employment opportunities improve incentives for parents to invest in their children's education by sending them to school. This may lead to the emergence of a strong and growing group of entrepreneurs, which should generate pressure for improved governance. Strong economic growth therefore advances human development, which in turn, promotes economic growth.

In countries where women are most marginalised, discriminated under the law and where gendered norms prevent women from owning property and resources, people are also the hungriest. This is because gender equality and food systems are intertwined.

However, too often, we only focus on the roles that women play in production, processing, trading of food and in making decisions about consumption and purchase of food at household level.

A just and equitable food system will require the recognition of women as farmers, with rights to the land they cultivate, technologies that reduce the drudgery of agriculture and policies that ensure women can make a living wage from agriculture

And while this is important, we must also focus on whether the

food system as organized is just and equitable and whether it promotes the empowerment and livelihoods and health of women and girls.

The UN food systems summit, which was convened by the UN Secretary General 2021, provided the world with a unique opportunity to reframe the global conversation on gender and food and ask the hard questions of how the food system can be structured in a just and equitable way.

While there is recognition that food systems transformation is a political, economic and environmental issue, we must also recognise it as a gender justice issue; stark gender inequalities are both a cause and an outcome of unsustainable food systems, unjust food access, consumption and production.

Tackling gender injustice and truly empowering women is not only a fundamental prerequisite for food systems transformation but also a goal. So, what should a gender just and equitable food system look like?

A gender just and equitable food system is one which guarantees a world without hunger, where women, men, girls and boys have equal access to nutritious, healthy food, safe food, and access to the means to produce, sell and purchase food.

It is a food system where the roles, responsibilities, opportunities and choices available to women and men - including unpaid caregiving and food provision - are not predetermined at birth but are developed in line with individual capacities and aspirations.

It is a food system where countries, communities and households and individual men and women are equipped to produce enough food for their own populations through environmentally sound processes, while also being able to participate in gender-equitable local, global and regional food trading systems.



By Alexander John Thurston

THE latest coup in Burkina Faso is the fourth in Africa's Sahel region in less than 18 months. The other three were carried out in August 2020 in Mali, in April 2021 in Chad, and Mali's "coup within a coup" last May.

Yet, European and American leaders currently appear more concerned with the presence of Russian-linked Wagner Group mercenaries than with the region's core political problems.

All of these coups illustrate the dangers of regional and international actors prioritising counter-terrorism (and competition with Russia) while ignoring other warning signs. These include flawed, low-turnout elections, out-of-touch rulers, and crackdowns on free expression.

There's also grinding poverty (even before the current crisis) and astonishing levels of internal displacement. In addition, there's overemphasis on counterterrorism.

The Burkina Faso coup was the subject of urgent regional coordination meetings and an emergency virtual summit of the Economic Community of West African States on January 28 which resolved to suspend Burkina Faso.

I have studied Islam and politics in northwest Africa for the past sixteen years, with a focus on the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. My most recent book - Jihadists of North Africa and the Sahel: Local Politics and Rebel Groups - draws on case studies from Algeria, Libya, Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso, and Mauritania. The study examines jihadist movements from the inside, uncovering their activities and internal struggles over the past three decades.

It's my view that the latest coup presents a fork in the road for West African, French, and American policymakers. They can decide to let the coup stand and thus confirm de facto military dominance across the Sahel. Or they can draw a red line and demand that it be reversed.

From revolution to failure

The overthrow of Burkina Faso's President Roch Kabore has domestic precedents as well, including a series of coups dating back to 1966. Out of the tumultuous 1980s, the ultimate victor was a military dictator named Blaise Compaore. Compaore closed the door on the revolutionary promise of his flawed but admirable predecessor, Thomas Sankara, by installing himself as de facto president for life.

Compaore was overthrown in a 2014 popular revolution.

The revolution survived its first major challenge - a 2015 coup attempt by Compaore loyalists. But it then floundered thanks to Kabore, who was elected in 2015 and re-elected in 2020. Kabore, who was close to Compaore until the early 2010s, came late to the opposition and proved a poor vehicle

After a fourth coup in West Africa, it's time to rethink international response



for the aspirations of the youth-led revolution.

The mainstream alternatives were little better. In both 2015 and 2020, the runners-up were politicians with ties to Compaore. These include former Finance minister Zephirin Diabre. During his first and second terms, Kabore drifted along without much of a programme.

Meanwhile, security collapsed across much of Burkina Faso. The easy - far too easy - explanation one sometimes hears is that Compaore had maintained an unofficial deal with jihadists in Mali and beyond. This ostensibly kept Burkina Faso free of their attacks. But once he fell, the argument goes, jihadists crowded in.

Another simplistic explanation is that West African jihadists, flush with cash and tactical know-how from abroad, are strategic masterminds bulldozing their way across the region.

The reality is substantially more complex. Sahelian jihadists have had ups and downs. And it has taken the confluence of many factors -- beyond just Compaore's fall or whatever strategic acumen jihadists may possess -- to make the central Sahel into one of the world's worst conflict zones.

In central Mali, a renewed wave of jihadist mobilisation starting in 2015 drew on longstanding grievances connected to inequitable land access, ossified social hierarchies, and the brutal, knee-jerk reactions of the Malian security forces.

Across the border in northern Burkina Faso, similar developments set in by 2016. They drew on ultra-local grievances, the exchange of personnel and ideas across the Mali-Burkina Faso border, and the deteriorating picture throughout the sub-region.

Military corruption and coups

As Mali's crisis grew into a Sahelian crisis, the region's militaries have been simultaneously and collectively pressed to deliver more results. In

other words, more dead jihadists. From Paris, Washington, and Brussels, patronising language about "partnerships" and "training" barely camouflages contempt. European and even American ground troops, helicopters, and drones crisscross the region, leaving Sahelian armies as supporting actors or bypassing them altogether.

Litanies about "good governance" decry corruption in generic terms but rarely focus on specific targets, leaving little accountability for militaries or civilians. Military corruption scandals have been routinely swept under the rug. These include the one in Niger - now the next country where coup fears are rising.

Meanwhile, Sahelian security forces take casualties from enemies who melt into the countryside. This leaves rank-and-file soldiers and gendarmes fearful and quick to pull the trigger against civilians, compounding insecurity.

All of these dynamics leave colonels -- the key movers in recent coups -- caught between ineffective presidents, complacent generals, and their own disgruntled troops. Elections bring no substantive changes, major opposition leaders offer vague alternatives, and Sahelian capitals periodically erupt into massive protests demanding an alternative to a broken status quo.

One can understand why the colonels react. And also why many civilians often initially support coups. But the coups make the overall situation even worse by layering new political crises over existing crises of insecurity, humanitarian emergencies, and civilian politicians' own inability to address fundamental problems.

Drawing the line in the sand The general reaction by France, the United States, and ECOWAS to the latest round of Sahelian and West African coups has been to decry them while quietly accepting them as done deals.

A "political reality" sets in the

moment the ousted leader reluctantly agrees to resign under clear duress. This "reality" dictates that such leaders are never coming back. The "international community," with the Economic Community of West African States as the lead negotiator, then haggles with each junta over the parameters of a transition back to civilian rule.

That template bogs regional diplomacy down in extended negotiations with juntas that are clearly willing to play outside the rules. Such a situation has increasingly affected Mali.

Paris and Washington, meanwhile, routinely appear overeager to get back to business as usual with whoever is in charge. In this case, business as usual means counter-terrorism campaigns. Such campaigns are supposedly a means of boosting political stability, but in reality they constrain effective diplomatic responses to coups, corruption, electoral irregularities, and human rights abuses.

Why should it be considered politically fanciful to try to reverse coups? Examples of coups being reversed are few, but that does not mean Washington shouldn't try. At a minimum, Washington can take the lead rhetorically by not just "expressing concern" or "calling for the release" of detained, overthrown presidents, but also by demanding the reinstatement of overthrown leaders.

Any concerns about "losing credibility" should be tempered by the fact that Washington already appears weak and deeply hypocritical on the issue of democracy promotion and respect for human rights.

It is never too late to attempt consistency, including on cases now assumed to be completely settled. The Chadian junta's rule is as unconstitutional today as it was in April 2021 when it began, for example. Beyond the rhetorical level, meanwhile, there are plenty of options for pressuring juntas through sanctions, aid suspensions, withdrawal of ambassadors, suspensions from regional and international organisations, and more.

ECOWAS pulled back from draconian economic sanctions in the immediate aftermath of the August 2020 coup in Mali. It has now ended up imposing them some 17 months later. This is after realising that the junta was essentially ignoring the dictates of the regional grouping all along.

To not use these tools when they would be most effective -- immediately following each coup -- is to become complicit in the region's militarisation. This is true of the far-flung peripheries where jihadists gravitate, but also of other capitals across the Sahel.

Inclusive political will, shunning of corruption needed for Mozambique's counter-terrorism efforts to succeed

BY BORGES NHAMIRRE

FIVE years after violent extremists began attacking Mozambique's northern Cabo Delgado province, the country is developing its first counter-terrorism strategy. This Resilience and Development Strategy for the North is expected to be funded by donors to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars.

Written by the government with input from donors, it is scheduled to be approved by the cabinet in the first half of 2022. The strategy is the first official document to recognise the role of internal factors in creating the conflict. It cites socioeconomic inequalities, frustration related to the exploitation of natural resources, especially among youth in the north, political and economic exclusion, and perceived marginalisation by the local population.

But is this mere rhetoric to solicit funding? And funding for what – or who? Or does the new strategy show a genuine change in attitude by Mozambique's government?

On paper, the strategy represents a major change in the government's approach to the insurgency, which it initially called an "external aggression perpetrated by terrorists." As recently as December 2021, President Filipe Nyusi told lawmakers that "what we are facing is pure banditry driven by others' greed against a nation that is about to make [a] qualitative and quantitative leap."

Through the strategy, Maputo intends to mobilise funding to prevent and counter violent extremism in Cabo Delgado and its neighbouring provinces of Niassa and Nampula, which share the same social and economic structure. Donors already 'shortlisted' include the African Development Bank, World Bank, United Nations and European Union – all of whom made inputs into the strategy. The final budget is estimated at hundreds of millions of dollars, to be disbursed in three phases over five years.

Other donors might also be forthcoming. At the Southern African Development Community's 12 January heads of state extraordinary summit in Lilongwe, leaders welcomed the idea of an international conference to support Cabo Delgado's economic and social reconstruction. They called on international partners to back the initiative.

The Resilience and Development Strategy for the North has three pillars: support for the construction of peace, security and social cohesion; reconstruction of the social contract between the state and the population; and recovery economics and resilience. These will be carried out by a government agency.

The first pillar aims to strengthen social cohesion, including between displaced people and host communities. It intends to develop state and community capacity to build peace and reconciliation through participatory



Passengers with cargo board a boat from a fishermen's beach that has become one of the main arrival points for displaced people fleeing from armed violence raging in the province of Cabo Delgado, in the Paquitequete district of Pemba, northern Mozambique, 21 July 2020. File photo

dialogue and actions to prevent violent extremism and radicalism. It also aims to support inclusive justice and community security, and facilitate cross-border cooperation to strengthen citizenship and business.

The second pillar covers fair access to public services and strengthening inclusive governance and citizen participation. It also intends to fight corruption, and ensure redistribution and fiscal transparency. It aims to promote sustainable and participatory management of land and natural resources, and support social housing, particularly for young people.

The third pillar deals with repairing the damage caused to livelihoods, especially in the agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors. It promotes economic recovery through supporting the private sector, including the tourism industry, and fixing and maintaining infrastructure.

The focus is on improving the role of extractive activities in the socio-economic integration of Niassa, Cabo Delgado and Nampula's people. Better access to financial services and capacity building is also included.

The strategy is a step forward as it proposes solutions to local problems that are driving the insurgency. But the country's political leaders will need to commit to resolving socio-economic inequalities, social frustrations among the youth, political exclusion and perceptions of marginalisation. Will this happen – or has the strategy been drafted for the purpose of bringing in funds more than anything else?

The country's leadership and influential members of the ruling Mozambique Liberation Front (Frelimo) still don't accept that there are

internal grievances behind the Cabo Delgado conflict. For example, Jacinto Veloso, a Mozambican liberation struggle veteran and National Defence and Security Council member, believes the attacks are funded by overseas competitors bent on sabotaging Mozambique's gas projects. Nyusi has said something similar – that Mozambicans are killing each other because of the gas issue.

By recognising internal grievances as a driver of the Cabo Delgado conflict, Frelimo – which has governed the country since independence in 1975 – would be acknowledging that its governance has failed. It would be admitting that instead of wealth and cohesion, it has generated socio-economic inequity, youth frustration and political and economic exclusion.

Most importantly, Frelimo would need to

convince its comrades that the current style of government must change. This would mean an end to party elites benefitting from business opportunities, jobs and the country's most fertile lands.

A commitment to change is vital for the poor communities of Cabo Delgado, Niassa and Nampula – and the entire country – to also benefit from the country's riches, such as the Montepuez rubies, or the fertile lands of Macomia. Without this, the Resilience and Development Strategy for the North will fail and donor money will have enriched the elite rather than addressing internal grievances.

In fact, says Jakkie Cilliers, Head of the Institute for Security Studies' African Futures and Innovation programme, Mozambique's government should commit to ring-fencing some gas revenues for the funding of social grants. And, he says, external donations shouldn't exceed the contribution from Mozambique's government itself.

The counter-terrorism strategy also needs to be implemented by credible bodies that have the trust of local populations – rather than those responsible for applying public policies that exclude the poor. For the strategy to succeed, there must be zero corruption, zero nepotism, and zero political patronage.

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Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) is currently implementing Productive Social Safety Net Program which aims at protecting the vulnerable poor households from severest consequences of poverty by implementing interventions that will lead to increased household incomes and opportunities while increasing consumption.

The TASAF Executive Director is inviting applications from suitably qualified Tanzanian nationals to fill the below vacant posts:

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| 1. Accounts Manager | 1 post |
| 2. Disbursement Manager | 1 post |
| 3. Safeguard Specialist | 1 post |
| 4. Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist | 1 post |
| 5. Senior System Officer | 1 post |
| 6. Accountant – Final Accounts | 1 post |

Job Descriptions and required qualifications for these posts are available in TASAF website www.tasaf.go.tz

How to apply;

- Applications, enclosing scanned certified copies of certificates and Curriculum Vitae be sent to the following address:

**Executive Director
Tanzania Social Action Fund
Kambarage Tower
Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Road
P.O. Box 2719
DODOMA.**

- Applications (In PDF Format), enclosing scanned certified copies of certificates and Curriculum Vitae be sent through the following email address: hrm@tasaf.go.tz

- Applications made in a way other than the above will not be considered,
- Deadline for receiving applications is 01st March, 2022
- Those who will not hear from us, 14 days after the deadline, should consider themselves as unsuccessful.

Ladislav J. Mwamanga
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF CCTV AND ACCESS CONTROL SECURITY SYSTEMS AND SERVICES AND LICENSES FOR DAR ES SALAAM OFFICE REFERENCE NO: 0010007488

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in providing Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) and Access Control equipment for the Tanzania Office to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of an underground, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda to Chongolemi, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

- Provision of IP CCTV System equipment including:
- fixed dome IP cameras with Varifocal 3.4-8.9 mm Piris lens. HDTV 1080p at 30 fps,
 - four-camera-in-one units, compact 8-megapixel camera for multidirectional surveillance, with 360° IR,
 - peanut-shaped dome design multidirectional IP cameras, with two channels and 2MP per channel,
 - CCTV Switches,
 - VMS - video management and access management software – and Secure Entry Manager,
 - Servers – sufficient for 24 license (expandable) with storage – sufficient for 30 days retention,
 - Viewing computers with at least - GTX360 Graphics card, 19" Processor 32GB of ram and 2.5GBps Graphic card,
 - Monitor - 2 monitors, 1 ea 4K 24" desktop with HDMI and DP port and 1 ea 55" 4K OLED,
 - Professional HDMI HD Ver 2 (or better) cables, Keyboard & Mouse,
 - High endurance micro SDXC card optimized for video surveillance,
 - Provision of ACCESS CONTROL Card Readers, must be MIFARE+ contactless and backward compatible to MIFARE CLASIC,
 - Network Door Controllers,
 - IP BASE – Intercom, and
 - Provision of System design and installation for all above.

The services shall include the provision of:

- licenses: between 1 and 24 users according to the solution.
- Support services: training, installation and configuration, deployment, user assistance, etc.

All cameras must support: Forensic WDR, have Lightfinder 2.0 and Optimized IR illumination technology, Zipstream for reduced bandwidth and storage, Video motion detection and tampering alarm, Two-way audio and audio detection, Supervised digital input / digital output for alarm / event handling, Signed firmware and secure boot ensure firmware authenticity, Memory card slot for optional local video storage, Power over Ethernet, All should include mounting bracket for wall/ceiling or junction boxes and with remote zoom and focus, and where applicable, a dust- and vandal-resistant outdoor-ready casing.

NOTE: No site visits or site drawings will be required or available during the EOI stage

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:
- References of similar provision of licenses and services.
- Only authorized dealers, resellers, or certified installers for the proposed systems and licenses will be accepted.
- Proof of good financial solvency to deliver the services.
- Proof of a business license and any regulatory authority license.
- Proof of registration with BRELA and the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Application for registration with the EVVURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.

Companies which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to: eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 22nd February 2022. Email address should be 0010007488.

Note: The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English language.

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**UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
ZANZIBAR ENERGY SECTOR TRANSFORMATION AND ACCESS PROJECT**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)
(ECONOMIC REGULATION EXPERT – INDIVIDUAL SELECTION)**

CREDIT NUMBER: 68970-TZ
CTF LOAN NUMBER: TF0B5747-TZ
CTF GRANT NUMBER: TF0B5660-TZ

Assignment Title: Economic Regulation Expert
Reference No: P169561

The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar (RGoZ), through the United Republic of Tanzania, has received funding from the World Bank to implement the Zanzibar Energy Sector Transformation and Access Project (ZESTA). The Ministry of Water, Energy and Minerals (MoWEM) of Zanzibar intends to use part of the funding from the ZESTA Project to hire a qualified expert to support ZURA to strengthen the economic regulation framework in the electricity sector so as to facilitate sustainable development of the energy sector.

Objective

The Economic Regulation Expert will be required to establish a comprehensive economic regulation framework that will facilitate sustainable development of the electricity sector and enable achievement of Zanzibar's power sector goals. He/She will support ZURA to establish systems, procedures, and standards based on industry best practices to facilitate effective economic regulation of the power sector. This will include, among others, determining appropriate tariff setting mechanisms and applicable charges for various users who are connected or are connecting to the system.

Scope of assignment

The Economic Regulation Expert will be embedded within ZURA and be required to provide direct support to the Authority to perform the following duties:

- Establish a robust economic regulation framework for Zanzibar's electricity sector, including principles, systems, procedures, and standards required for effective economic regulation and facilitate its implementation.
- Establish a systematic process for determining and reviewing electricity tariffs (revenue requirements of regulated entities) and tariff structures for the sector, including terms for purchasing both domestically generated and imported power.
- Monitor the regulated entities' economic and commercial performance as well as their compliance to terms and conditions stipulated in their licenses and power purchase agreements from an economic perspective.
- Develop and maintain financial models for the sector and end-users and establish a database necessary to periodically update the models.
- Prepare financial and commercial performance reports for the electricity sector on a quarterly and annual basis.
- Develop and maintain Zanzibar's electricity demand/supply forecasts for the short, medium, and long term.
- Support ZURA to comply with its roles during preparation of Zanzibar's Integrated Resource Plan including reviewing and approving relevant assumptions and deliverables.
- Analyze and advise on the investment requirements for Zanzibar's electricity sector and quantify their impact on the tariff path in the short, medium and long term.
- Establish the appropriate economic regulation framework for promoting renewable energy development in Zanzibar.
- Support ZURA to work closely with the Ministry of Water, Energy and Minerals and provide input into determination of an appropriate market structure, and policy and regulatory frameworks to promote private sector investment in Zanzibar's electricity sector.
- Undertake regulatory research and policy analysis for the electricity sector by among others coordinating preparation of cost-of-service studies, generation of data, statistics and information on the electricity sector and coordinating development of policies and strategies to increase electricity access in Zanzibar.
- Undertake research in new technologies capable of playing a critical enabling role for renewable energy and energy efficiency integration and facilitate adoption of digital technologies and grid modernization to improve performance, efficiency and flexibility.
- Prepare terms of reference for engaging consultants to undertake studies, monitor implementation of consultancy contracts including review and approval of deliverables.
- Represent ZURA in designated industry fora at national, regional, and international levels, including activities of the regional energy regulatory associations.
- Provide hands-on training to ZURA staff during execution of the above tasks and recommend to ZURA Management relevant training opportunities offered by national, regional and international institutions that are beneficial for ZURA staff in the department of economic regulation.

The Ministry of Water, Energy and Minerals now invites eligible expert to indicate their interest in providing the above services. Interested experts should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The expert should have at least the following qualifications and experience:

- Master's Degree in Economics, Quantitative Economics, Econometrics, Finance, Statistics or Business Administration.
- At least ten (10) years' working experience in the electricity sector as an economic regulation expert, of which at least five (5) years should have been in senior management capacity.
- Demonstrable knowledge of electricity sector issues and utility operations in Africa, including the economic, financial, and legal regulatory aspects.
- Previous experience in power sector economic regulation in Sub-Saharan Africa will be an added advantage.
- Superior data management, modelling, analytical and research skills.
- Excellent report writing and presentation skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English.

The attention of interested expert is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" November 2020, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. Expert intending to submit expression of interest should not have conflict of interest and unfair competitive advantage as per Bank's Procurement Regulations

The Expert will be selected in accordance with individual Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

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**ZANZIBAR UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY
ZANZIBAR ENERGY SECTOR TRANSFORMATION AND ACCESS PROJECT (P169561)
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ECONOMIC REGULATION EXPERT**

1. Background

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According to Section 11(1) of the Act, ZURA's mandate is to: (i) establish standards for regulated goods and services and terms and conditions for supply of goods and services; (ii) ensure that all utility suppliers provide adequate service and have means to finance their activities; (iii) prepare codes of conduct, reporting requirements, scheme of service, staff regulations and any other actions necessary to regulate utilities effectively; (iv) facilitate and encourage private sector participation, fair competition, and participation in investments in public utilities; (v) ensure compliance by public utilities with the laws governing their activities; (vi) prepare and issue rules and directives to public utility sector; (vii) establish and implement adequate systems for monitoring the compliance by licensees with standards and

applicable regulations, and making such information publicly available; (viii) establish an appropriate procedure for receiving, enquiring and resolving complaints by customers in relation to any utility services within the time provided under the regulations of the Act; (ix) facilitate the resolution of complaints and disputes; (x) disseminate information about matters of its functions; (xi) have due regard to the preservation and protection of the environment, the conservation of natural resources and health and safety of users; and, (xii) issue orders to regulated public utilities.

The electricity sector in Zanzibar is expanding and recently the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar (RGoZ), through the United Republic of Tanzania (URT), secured funding from the World Bank to implement the Zanzibar Energy Sector Transformation and Access (ZESTA) Project. The objective of the project is to expand access to reliable and efficient electricity services and to scale up renewable energy generation in Zanzibar. The project is supporting development of Zanzibar's first grid-scale 18MWp solar PV generation plant and battery storage infrastructure, construction of 132kV high voltage transmission infrastructure and investments in electricity distribution and access. In addition, the project is supporting sector institutional strengthening, and design and implementation of key planning, strategy, and regulatory frameworks. The project is being implemented by the Ministry of Water, Energy and Minerals (MoWEM) of Zanzibar and the government-owned utility, Zanzibar Electricity Corporation (ZECO).

The ongoing and planned developments in Zanzibar's electricity sector necessitate strengthening of the regulatory environment, particularly the economic and technical regulatory framework, in order to support effective and sustainable development of the sector. The enhanced regulatory environment will particularly be critical in expanding electricity access, attracting private sector investments into the sector in the future and will also enable scaling up of renewable energy generation investments in Zanzibar.

MoWEM and ZURA wish to use part of the funds for the ZESTA Project to engage the services of a qualified and experienced expert in economic regulation to support ZURA to strengthen the economic regulation framework in the electricity sector so as to facilitate sustainable development of the energy sector.

2. Objective

The Economic Regulation Expert will be required to establish a comprehensive economic regulation framework that will facilitate sustainable development of the electricity sector and enable achievement of Zanzibar's power sector goals. He/She will support ZURA to establish systems, procedures, and standards based on industry best practices to facilitate effective economic regulation of the power sector. This will include, among others, determining appropriate tariff setting mechanisms and applicable charges for various users who are connected or are connecting to the system.

3. Scope of Work

The Economic Regulation Expert will be embedded within ZURA and be required to provide direct support to the Authority to perform the following duties:

- Establish a robust economic regulation framework for Zanzibar's electricity sector, including principles, systems, procedures, and standards required for effective economic regulation and facilitate its implementation.
- Establish a systematic process for determining and reviewing electricity tariffs (revenue requirements of regulated entities) and tariff structures for the sector, including terms for purchasing both domestically generated and imported power.
- Monitor the regulated entities' economic and commercial performance as well as their compliance to terms and conditions stipulated in their licences and power purchase agreements from an economic perspective.
- Develop and maintain financial models for the sector and end-users and establish a database necessary to periodically update the models.
- Prepare financial and commercial performance reports for the electricity sector on a quarterly and annual basis.
- Develop and maintain Zanzibar's electricity demand/supply forecasts for the short, medium, and long term.
- Support ZURA to comply with its roles during preparation of Zanzibar's Integrated Resource Plan including reviewing and approving relevant assumptions and deliverables.
- Analyze and advise on the investment requirements for Zanzibar's electricity sector and quantify their impact on the tariff path in the short, medium and long term.
- Establish the appropriate economic regulation framework for promoting renewable energy development in Zanzibar.
- Support ZURA to work closely with the Ministry of Water, Energy and Minerals and provide input into determination of an appropriate market structure, and policy and regulatory frameworks to promote private sector investment in Zanzibar's electricity sector.
- Undertake regulatory research and policy analysis for the electricity sector by among others coordinating preparation of cost-of-service studies, generation of data, statistics and information on the electricity sector and coordinating development of policies and strategies to increase electricity access in Zanzibar.
- Undertake research in new technologies capable of playing a critical enabling role for renewable energy and energy efficiency integration and facilitate adoption of digital technologies and grid modernization to improve performance, efficiency and flexibility.
- Prepare terms of reference for engaging consultants to undertake studies, monitor implementation of consultancy contracts including review and approval of deliverables.
- Represent ZURA in designated industry fora at national, regional, and international levels, including activities of the regional energy regulatory associations.
- Provide hands-on training to ZURA staff during execution of the above tasks and recommend to ZURA Management relevant training opportunities offered by national, regional and international institutions that are beneficial for ZURA staff in the department of economic regulation.

4. Deliverables of the Economic Regulation Expert

- Economic regulation framework for Zanzibar's electricity sector, including principles, systems, procedures, and standards required for effective economic regulation.
- Systematic process for determining and reviewing electricity tariffs (revenue requirement of regulated entities) and tariff structures for the sector.
- Economic and commercial performance reports of regulated entities.
- Financial models for the sector and the relevant database.
- Quarterly and annual financial and commercial performance reports for the electricity sector.
- Zanzibar's electricity demand/supply forecasts for the short, medium, and long term input into preparation of Zanzibar's Integrated Resource Plan/Zanzibar Power Master Plan.
- Investment requirements for Zanzibar's electricity sector and their impact on the tariff path in the short, medium and long term.
- Appropriate economic regulation framework for promoting renewable energy development in Zanzibar.
- Input into determination of the appropriate market structure, policy and regulatory framework for private sector investment in Zanzibar's electricity sector.
- Input into preparation of cost-of-service studies and development of policies and strategies to increase electricity access in Zanzibar.
- Terms of reference for engaging consultants to undertake studies, and progress reports on implementation of consultancy contracts.
- Back-to-office reports on events/workshops attended.
- List of relevant staff training opportunities.

5. Qualifications and Experience

The Economic Regulation Expert should have the following minimum qualifications and experience:

- Master's Degree in Economics, Quantitative Economics, Econometrics, Finance, Statistics or Business Administration.
- At least ten (10) years' working experience in the electricity sector as an economic regulation expert, of which at least five (5) years should have been in senior management capacity.
- Demonstrable knowledge of electricity sector issues and utility operations in Africa, including the economic, financial, and legal regulatory aspects.
- Previous experience in power sector economic regulation in Sub-Saharan Africa will be an added advantage.
- Superior data management, modelling, analytical and research skills.
- Excellent report writing and presentation skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English.

6. Reporting

The Economic Regulation Expert will report to the Director General of ZURA and work closely with ZURA's economic regulation and technical regulation teams.

7. Duration of assignment

The assignment shall be on full-term basis for a period of three (3) years, subject to a probation period of six (6) months. The contract may be extended subject to satisfactory performance and depending on need.

8. Duty Station

The Economic Regulation Expert will be based in Zanzibar City, Unguja, as an embedded consultant within ZURA.



UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA ZANZIBAR ENERGY SECTOR TRANSFORMATION AND ACCESS PROJECT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) (TECHNICAL REGULATION EXPERT- INDIVIDUAL SELECTION)

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Assignment Title: Technical Regulation Expert
Reference No: P169561

The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar (RGoZ), through the United Republic of Tanzania, has received funding from the World Bank to implement the Zanzibar Energy Sector Transformation and Access Project (ZESTA). The Ministry of Water, Energy and Minerals (MoWEM) of Zanzibar intends to use part of the funding from the ZESTA Project to hire a qualified expert to support ZURA to strengthen the technical regulation framework of the electricity sector so as to provide effective regulatory oversight and ensure sustainable development of the energy sector.

Objective

The Technical Regulation Expert will be responsible for developing and implementing a technical regulation framework and systems for enforcing and monitoring sector entities' compliance with technical standards and requirements to ensure the safety, security, and quality of electricity supply in Zanzibar. The establishment of the technical regulation framework and systems will be in accordance with best practices in international regulation relevant to Zanzibar. He/She will support ZURA to develop regulatory tools comprising technical standards, regulations, guidelines, rules and codes to govern use of the electricity network by all users (end consumers and generators/vendors), as well as procedures to be adopted by ZURA to enforce them and systematically monitor compliance by sector agents.

Scope of assignment

The Economic Regulation Expert will be embedded within ZURA and be required to provide direct support to the Authority to perform the following duties:

- a. Develop, disseminate, and support implementation of technical standards, regulations, rules, and codes governing electricity infrastructure development, its operation and maintenance and quality of service provided to regulated consumers.
- b. Establish and roll out a framework and procedures for systematic monitoring of all relevant sector entities' compliance with the established license terms and conditions.
- c. Conduct periodic technical compliance monitoring visits and audits, identify areas of non-compliance, and support the regulated entities that are non-compliant to understand all the contents of the regulations and what they imply in terms of obligations.
- d. Provide training to ZURA staff to review and conduct investigations on accidents/incidents relating to electricity supply and, where necessary, support resolution of customer complaints relating to supply quality and reliability.
- e. Provide technical input into evaluation of license and electricity tariff applications submitted by all sector entities.
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- g. Support ZURA to comply with its roles during preparation of Zanzibar's electricity Integrated Resource Plan/Power Master Plan, including reviewing the technical assumptions and deliverables.
- h. Participate in determination of investment requirements for Zanzibar's electricity sector in the short, medium and long term.
- i. Support ZURA to comply with its roles during monitoring of implementation of new investments in electricity generation, transmission, distribution, and advise ZURA Management on demand and supply issues.
- j. Establish the appropriate technical regulation framework for promoting variable renewable energy development in Zanzibar.
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The Ministry of Water, Energy and Minerals now invites eligible expert to indicate their interest in providing the above services. Interested experts should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services.

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Malema and Mpfu lead EFF's assault on South Africa judiciary

By Stephen Grootes

DURING the course of the Judicial Service Commission's Chief Justice interviews last week it became clear that while Julius Malema, Dali Mpfu and Griffiths Madonsela used controversial tactics, it may be important to examine the roots of this opposition.

There was clear evidence presented last week that the trio appear to have an agenda. In particular, that agenda was aimed at preventing Mlambo from being appointed to the position of Chief Justice.

Mpfu, without evidence, introduced a claim of sexual harassment against Mlambo, who strongly denied it. Malema and Madonsela pushed the issue hard, making it the dominant issue of Mlambo's interview. And despite hours of national attention, in hearings broadcast on national radio and television, and ample opportunity, no evidence was introduced.

Rather, perhaps unable to take it any more, advocate Jenny Cane (who is one of two representatives of the advocates' profession on the JSC) started to read messages from people in Mlambo's division, defending him.

Then, immediately after the afternoon tea break, the person chairing the hearing, Deputy Supreme Court of Appeal Judge President Xola Petse, finally ruled that the questions could not be asked and that both the questions and the answers would be struck from the record.

Mpfu and Malema both tried to argue against this.

Then ANC MP Cyril Xaba intervened, saying he agreed with the ruling. He went further, in what appeared to be a statement of principle, saying he wanted to disassociate himself from the entire line of questioning. He was backed up by Sylvia Lucas, also from the ANC, as a representative from the National Council of Provinces.

It seemed obvious that two things had happened.

First, Petse had finally realised that legally he had a duty to disallow this line of questioning (on the grounds that no evidence had been introduced and that Mlambo had not been informed he would be asked about this – as is the rule of these hearings). Second, the ANC caucus in the JSC had decided it had had enough.

But what agenda were Malema, Mpfu and Madonsela following?

Mpfu is in an interesting position on the JSC, on the virtue of his choices to be both an advocate and a politician.

Technically, he was nominated to the JSC by the General Council of the Bar (GCB, representing advocates). The Bar has two representatives. By what's described as a "gentleman's agreement", the bar will appoint one person, and then use its other position to nominate a person put forward by Advocates for Transformation (ATF). Mpfu himself said during the hearings that representing ATF was the larger part of this job. To make this even more complicated, it is understood that there is a dispute over whether the ATF can still remain a full member of the GCB because it has now included lawyers who are not advocates, and thus are not members of the bar.

But Mpfu is also a former chair of the EFF. This leads to questions about which constituency he is representing in these hearings. Is it the EFF or Advocates for Transformation? Does he represent all advocates or only some advocates? How do they feel about his actions?

And do any of these constituencies feel let down by his choice to represent one constituency above theirs?

It is tempting to say that Malema and co are simply opposing Mlambo and Zondo because they see them as a threat.

That may fall into the trap of presuming that the other candidates may be weaker. That is not necessarily the case; all have impressive track records. The country should be proud they are available for the position.

There may be two separate issues here.

One is that it cannot be said that the JSC's first choice, Supreme Court of Appeal Judge President Mandisa Maya, is a weak candidate.



The EFF's Dali Mpfu (L) and party leader Julius Malema.

The second is that it would surely be unjust to Mlambo if the only reason he does not become Chief Justice is that untrue claims were introduced to this process without evidence.

Undoubtedly, this was deliberate. The EFF was using Twitter to drive the conversation while the hearings were under way. It even released a statement claiming that Justice Minister Ronald Lamola had tried to manipulate the process by arranging for Mlambo to serve as an acting judge on the Constitutional Court.

As Lamola quoted from the Constitution, it is the role of the Justice Minister to liaise with a Chief Justice on exactly this issue.

The EFF's action was part of a deliberate, concerted campaign.

It may also be important to remember that Malema has a track record of demanding that people respect him, treat him fairly and deny allegations against him, while showing no such respect to anyone else. He will label any criticism of him as racist or biased while hurling insults and unsubstantiated claims against others.

Both Mlambo and Zondo have been at the forefront of a major dynamic in recent times, where judges have been asked to adjudicate political disputes. Zondo has chaired the Zondo Commission and Mlambo has dealt with the Omar al-Bashir case and disputes involving the funding of President Cyril Ramaphosa's CR17 campaign.

However, there may be another agenda as well.

Zondo has recently shown how important it is for the judiciary to have a leader who can defend it in public. While it has previously been held that "judges speak through their rulings", in our society that may no longer be enough.

It simply cannot be the case that politicians can hurl abuse, lies and innuendo at judges, and judges must stay silent. The last survey from Afrobarometer shows the impact of this abuse on our judges – the percentage of people in South Africa who trust the judiciary had fallen to 43%.

Considering how our politicians feel that they are not bound by facts, rules or the law, it would be impossible for judges to remain silent – trust in the judiciary could fall even further. This will have very real consequences for our society – if judgments are not respected, they will not be implemented.

That would be the end of our criminal justice system.

It may be important to note that there is simply no downside for Malema, Mpfu and Madonsela here. If Ramaphosa appoints Mlambo, they will have damaged his credibility. If he remains Judge President of Gauteng, they will have damaged his credibility, particularly as he is likely to have ruled in important cases there any way.

It may also be important to consider how important the position of Chief Justice is to the JSC.

The Chief Justice automatically chairs the JSC meetings. There can be no doubt of the importance of this position: the chair decides what is in order, what is out of order, and largely sets the tone of the proceedings.

In other words, the chair of the JSC plays an important role in determining who will be sitting as judges in the long-term future.

These last hearings have shown the damage a weak chair can do – why did Petse take charge only after several hours of allegations were put to Mlambo with no facts? How is it not disqualifying for any presiding person to allow hours upon hours of such ugliness and fundamental disrespect?

JSC interviews for next chief justice were farcical thanks to Mpfu and Malema

During the time Mogoeng Mogoeng was chair, there were questions, too. During his last hearings, he failed to be present physically. This surely had an impact on the entire session. He also allowed politicians to press judges about decisions made, involving them personally.

This shouldn't be allowed in a country based on respect for the judiciary.

There can be no greater condemnation of Mogoeng's chairing of that session than the fact the entire JSC decided to hold the hearings again (after the Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution said it would go to court to challenge the entire session).

If it is the case that there is an agenda against Mlambo and Zondo, it may be that this is what they fear. That an assertive chair would prevent attempts to further weaken the JSC and the judiciary itself.

It would make it much harder to place weak judges on the bench. There are already fears that, in fact, weak judges have been placed on the bench during this period.

Underlying everything we said is another question: what is it that Malema and Mpfu fear? There can be no doubt that much time and effort was put into weakening Mlambo, so it must matter.

Certainly, the evidence of criminal activity by Malema is well documented, how he and deputy EFF leader Floyd Shivambu received money from the VBS looting. They must be worried about being charged criminally in connection with these grievous crimes, also raising another simple question: How can such people ever be allowed to sit on the JSC?

VBS Theft, Money Laundering & Life's Little Luxuries: Julius Malema's time of spending dangerously

But there are other people who may be worried about a more assertive judiciary. Certainly, the "RET faction" of the ANC could well be of the same mind as Malema and others. A weaker judiciary would serve their interests.

It cannot be denied that this faction's interests were advanced in Lindiwe Sibusu's insult to black judges of "mentally colonised". As is the fact that many of them have now been, or will be, implicated in the Zondo Commission report.

While a stronger chair of the JSC may make a difference, there may be other people who could also act.

The interventions of Cane, Xaba and Lucas shows that there are commissioners who can speak out. But where were the rest? Why do the judges on the commission remain so silent when this happens? Are they intimidated by Malema? Where was the DA's commissioner? Glynnis Breytenbach attended virtually; the party's constituency might wish to know why she chose not to attend such an important session physically. Why did the IFP's commissioner, Narend Singh, stay so quiet?

The risk to these commissioners is that they become drowned out both in the public interviews and the private deliberations.

There may now be calls from some in the legal profession, civil society groups or even some MPs that the JSC be changed. While this may be tempting, it can also open the door to a less transparent and perhaps less democratic system.

But it is also clear that as long as it involves politicians, the JSC will be used for their agenda.

In some cases, those agendas will pose a systemic threat to the country.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF NEW TOYOTA LIGHT VEHICLES AND MINIBUS TO GEITA GOLD MINE LIMITED (GGML) TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of Procuring New Toyota Light vehicle and Minibus and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of equipment's as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECT TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01380	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF NEW TOYOTA LIGHT VEHICLES AND MINIBUS

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01380)	60%
Rated ANCAP safety ratings 5 stars.	12%
Proof of ability to supply brand new vehicles and must be 36 months / 100,000 kms Warranty (whichever comes first).	12%
Vehicles must be supplied by Toyota dealer or OEM	12%
Brand New Toyota Landcruiser Single Cabin Pick up Two Doors; Model: HZJ 79R-TJMRS; Engine: 1HZ 4,200cc, Iron Man Bull bar, Fitted with four (4) plus one (1) spare tire brand new tires, size 235/85R16 BF GOODRICH MUD TERRAIN KO3, each on single piece rim.	12%
Brand New Toyota Hiace 16 Seaters; Model: KDH222R-LEMDY; Engine: 2GD 2400cc, Fitted with four (4) plus one (1) spare tires, size 195R15C Michelin Agilis 106/104R.	12%
Total	60%
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Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01380)** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to **GGML**, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the **GGML** Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than **8.30AM 28th February 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline)**. EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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BUSINESS

Annual banks credits grow by 10 per cent in December 2021 - BoT report shows

By Guardian Reporter

ANNUAL banks credits to private sector grew by 10pc in December compared with 7.8pc recorded in November and 3.1pc in December 2020, signalling rebound to pre-pandemic levels, which is consistent with the target of 10.6 percent for 2021/22.

The Bank of Tanzania monthly economic review for January published yesterday said the recovery of private sector credit was largely attributed to sustained accommodative monetary policy and improving business conditions from adverse impacts of Covid-19.

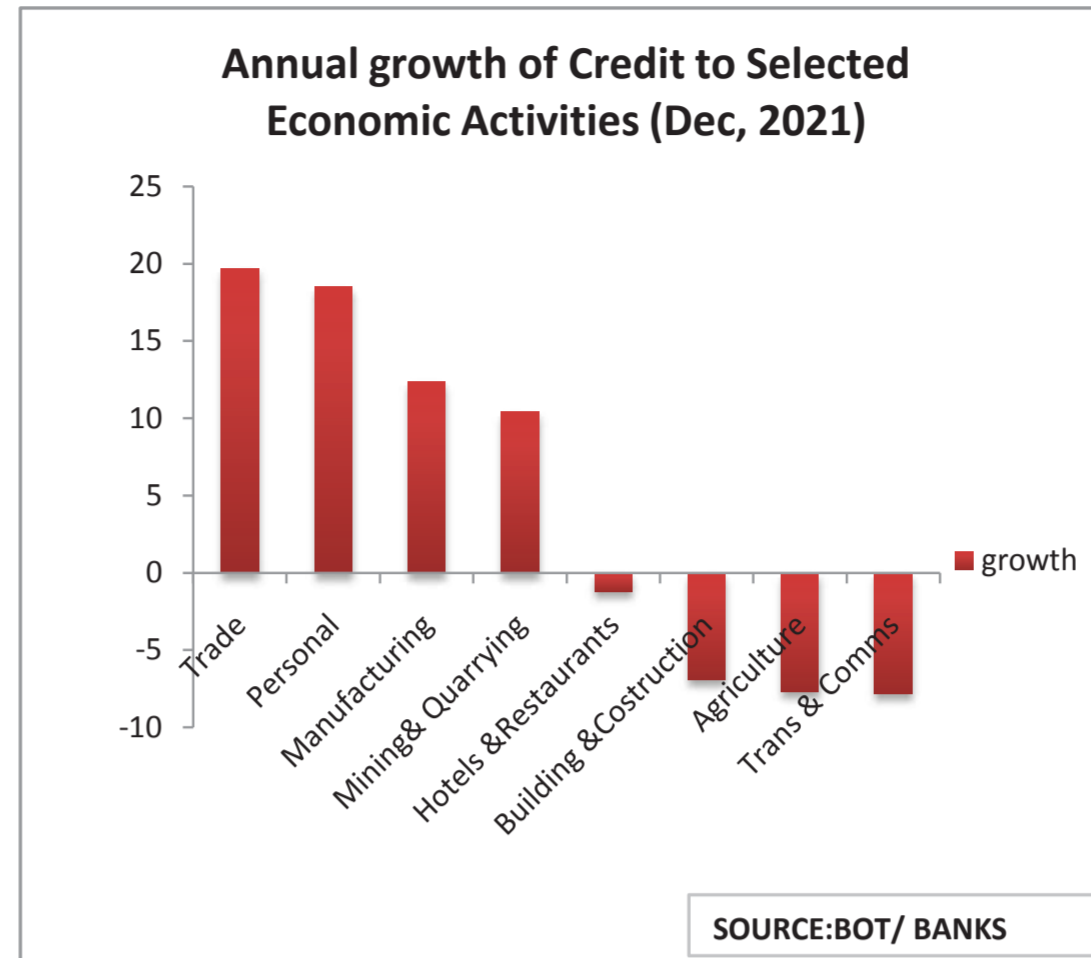
Domestic credit extended to the

private sector and central government by the banking system grew by 14.9pc in the year ending December 2021, compared with 10.8pc a year earlier.

On February 1, the BOT monetary policy committee issued a statement directing the central bank to maintain accommodative monetary policy in supporting the recovery of the economy.

The stock of credits to private sector increased by 2tril/- in one year period to more than 22tril/- in December 2021 from 20tril/- recorded in 2020, according to banks and BOT computations.

Much of the credit to the private



sector was directed to trade, personal activities—mainly small and medium undertakings, manufacturing and mining activities.

Personal related activities, trade, manufacturing and ag-

riculture remained the major beneficiaries in terms of share of credit extended by banks to the private sector.

The highest growth of credit recorded by trade with 19.7pc in December, compared with

the contraction of 9.6% in December 2020 and personal loans which grew by 18.5pc, a slowdown compared with the growth of 23.9% recorded in December 2020.

Manufacturing sector also

recorded strong annual growth of 12.4pc from a contraction of 10pc in December 2020, while those directed to mining and quarrying sector grew by 10.4% from 1.1% respectively.

The BOT review shows that credits to hotel and restaurants, building and construction, agriculture as well as transport and communication contracted in December 2021, and similar trends were recorded in December 2021 with exception of transport and communication which grew positively at 7.8% in December 2020.

Interest rates charged on loans by banks slightly decreased in December 2021, partly reflecting adequacy of liquidity in the banking system and impact of the measures adopted to lower lending rates and increase private sector credit growth.

In particular, BOT says the overall lending rates averaged 16.37pc from 16.40 percent and 16.74pc recorded in the preceding month and December 2020, respectively.

However, negotiated lending rates charged to prime customers remained broadly unchanged at around 14 percent.

Meanwhile, growth of money supply in December 2021 was high and consistent with the target for 2021/22, owing to liquidity easing monetary policy.

Extended broad money supply (M3) grew at 15.5pc in the year ending December 2021, up from 14.9pc and 5.7pc in November 2021 and December 2020, respectively.

Similarly, broad money supply (M2) registered an annual growth of 17.6pc, up from 17.2pc and 8.2 percent.

Net foreign assets grew by 30.2pc to 13.9tril/- in December 2021 from 10.7tril recorded during similar month in 2020 due to increase of both Bank of Tanzania and banks.

The report shows BOT net foreign assets grew to 13.2tril/- from 10.3 tril/- while those of banks increased to 746bn/- from 4bn/- respectively.

Wholesale food prices increase in December

By Guardian Reporter

CONSUMERS paid more to obtain food crops in December when compared with November last year, following the increase of wholesale prices.

This has also reflected to the retail markets whereby the prices of maize flour, rice, beans, round potatoes and sorghum increased by between 100/- and 500/- per kilo since the start of the year.

Survey shows that the price of maize in various retail shops increased by 10% to 1,100/- per kilo from previously 1,000 per kilo while those of rice also increased between 100/- and 300/- per kilo depending on the

quality of rice.

According to Bank of Tanzania ministry of industry and trade computations on annual basis, the prices recorded mixed trends whereby prices of maize, millet and rice increased while those of beans and round potatoes decreased.

The Bank of Tanzania Monthly Economic Review for January has reported that the wholesale price of 100kg of maize reached 57,105/- in December from 49,683/- in November, which also affected the retail price of maize flour.

Maize, which Tanzania produces surplus, is the staple crop for many families both rural and urban area and source of income for many farm-

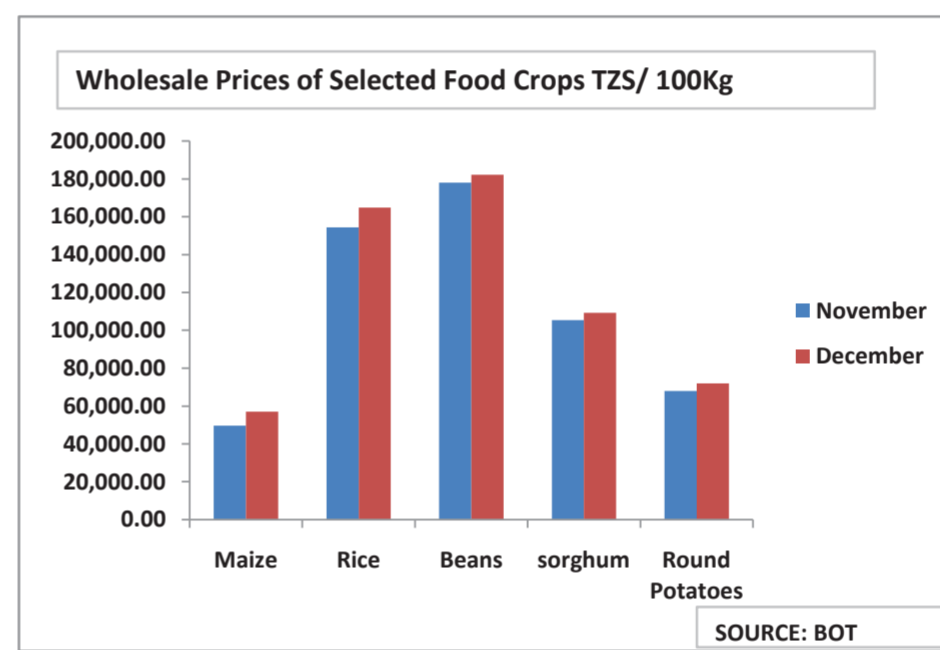
ers mainly in central and southern highlands regions of Tanzania.

Maize production is expected to decrease by 4.7 percent to 6 million metric tons (MT) in 2021/2022 due to inclement weather, pest and high input prices. Tanzania Meteorological Agency forecasted below average rainfall for year 2021/22.

In 2020, maize production for United Republic of Tanzania was 6.3 million tonnes, against local demands of 5.7 million tonnes.

Maize production of United Republic of Tanzania increased from 715 thousand tonnes in 1971 to 6,300 thousand tonnes in 2020 growing at an average annual rate of 6.44%.

The BOT report shows the price



of 100kg of rice also increased to 57,105/- in December from 49,683/- in November while those wet up from 164,880/- from 154,394/- respectively.

The price of beans increased to 182,164/-

from 178,045 while those of sorghum jumped to 109,164/- from 105,371/-

The price of round potatoes grew from 67,982/- to 71,898/- and finger millet slightly increased to 164,127/- from 163,777/-



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NEW YORK

EVEN after hitting \$93 per barrel last week, oil prices have further room to rise in the coming months, with the \$100 oil forecast of major investment banks now in sight.

Robust oil demand and the headroom for money managers to expand their long positions in the crude complex, combined with shrinking global spare production capacity and "worrisome" inventory levels, could push oil prices even higher, the world's largest independent oil trader, Vitol Group, says.

World's top oil trader sees higher prices

Demand recovery and the mild impact of the Omicron variant on consumption, alongside the Russia-Ukraine crisis and a deep freeze in Texas that disrupted some Permian oil production, sent WTI Crude to over \$92 per barrel at the end of last week, while Brent Crude hit \$93—levels at which the benchmarks continued to trade early on Monday.

Geopolitical tension aside, the

market fundamentals appear strong, and China could add more strength if it moves to replenish some of its crude reserves, Mike Muller, Head of Vitol Asia, told Gulf Intelligence's daily energy markets video podcast on Sunday.

China could begin filling its crude stocks, even at \$90 a barrel oil, because some restocking could be needed, the executive at the world's

top oil trader said.

"I think it's fair to state that China is at bare-minimum operating level in terms of the prescribed level of mandatory stockholding that state enterprises are meant to hold," Muller said during the Gulf Intelligence podcast.

"All eyes are on what happens in China after the Chinese New Year because there's a feeling that some re-

stocking will be required," he added.

"If you look at the spot behavior at the very front of the market it doesn't look like they've had their foot off the pedal. Up until the very last day before Chinese New Year, the state-owned enterprises seemed interested in buying crude at these prices," Muller said.

What is more, according to Vitol's executive, China doesn't appear to

be as sensitive to high oil prices as South Asian nations are.

Overall, the front futures price structure is so backwardated that "the market is telling you: be careful, don't be short because you are one disruption, one refinery wobble away from markets getting even stronger," Muller noted.

Apart from the potential Chinese restocking after the Chinese New Year festivities end this week, the most recent positioning of the money managers shows there is still room for more long positioning in oil, according to Vitol and analysts.

Equity, KCB enter list of most valuable global bank brands

NAIROBI.

KENYA'S Equity Group and KCB have been named among the world's top 500 lenders by brand value, helped by positive sentiments from their customers who rated them on factors like quality, reputation, and customer satisfaction.

Equity and KCB—also the largest lenders in Kenya by asset size—were ranked in positions 338 and 366 respectively by global brand valuation consultancy Brand Finance which assigned their brands a value of \$388 million (Sh44.1 billion) and \$338 million (Sh38.4 billion) respectively.

The consultancy firm describes brand value as the net economic benefit that owners would achieve by licensing their brand in the open market. It is, however, different from the valuation of a company's hard assets.

The lenders were measured on perceptions among different stakeholder groups, where cus-

tomers are the most important, and business or financial performance.

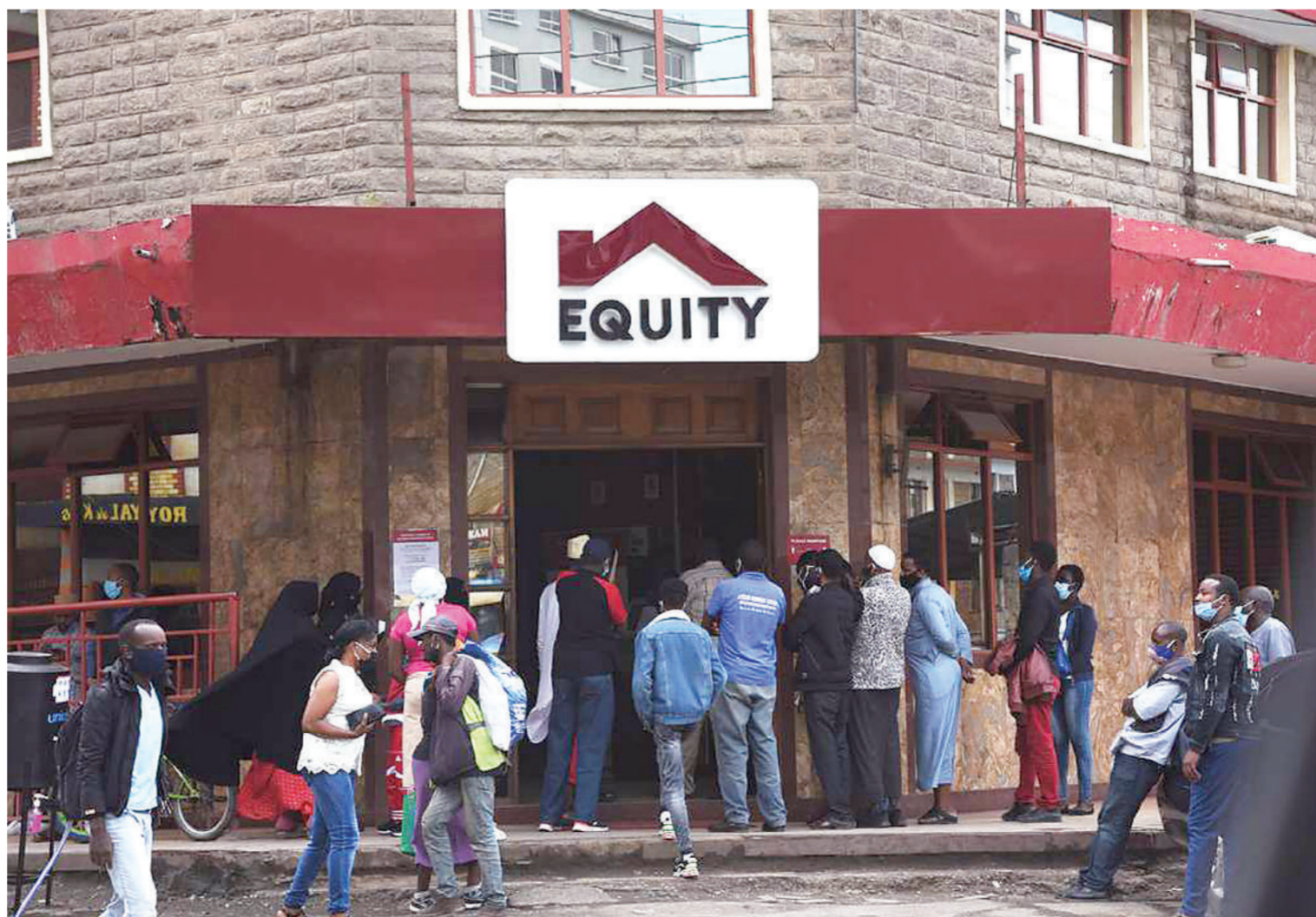
"The growth in brand value of Kenyan banks is the result of their strong performance in Brand Finance's original market research, which was introduced in the country for the first time this year," said Brand Finance.

"High scores from the consumer survey have boosted the overall brand strength evaluation of the Kenyan brands, which in turn has boosted their brand value."

The two Kenyan lenders have been growing their reach regionally, expanding to new markets in countries such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, and South Sudan.

They have also established a large footprint locally cutting across corporate, retail and SME banking.

Equity and KCB are the most profitable lenders in Kenya, making a net profit of Sh26.87 billion and Sh25.2 billion respectively in the nine months to



September 2021.

This was more than double the profit of Co-operative bank, the third most profitable lender with net earnings of Sh11.6 billion.

Among the 20 African banks from five countries on the list, Equity and KCB were ranked ninth and 11th respectively.

South Africa dominates with seven lenders—including the top six—led by Standard Bank which has a brand value of \$1.583 billion (Sh179.8 billion).

Nigeria has five lenders on the list, but each ranks lower than Equity and only one is ahead of KCB. Egypt and Morocco each have three lenders on the list.

Globally, Chinese and US lenders dominate the brand ranking, with the Asian economy producing the top four led by ICBC with a brand value of \$75.1 billion (Sh8.53 trillion). The US accounts for the next five lenders, with Bank of America its top entry at \$36.7 billion (Sh4.2 trillion) in brand value.

DSE report posted turnover of 4.9bn/-

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

THE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) market held a solid rally during last week's five-day trading after posting an equity turnover of 4.69bn/- being 21 per cent higher than last week's turnover.

The All-Share Index (DSEI) gained 13.00 points as KCB and NMG's share prices rose by 3.3%, 1.31%, last week while the Tanzania Share Index (TSI) gained 32.33 points.

Two pre-arranged block trades dominated the market share last week with CRDB controlling 63.22 per cent of all trades that accounted for TBL 29.1 per cent.

According to the DSE, price movement was recorded on five domestic traded equities last week with Simba share price appreciated by 10 per cent to end the week at 1,100/- per share followed by CRDB whose share price appreciated by 9.2 per cent to close at 355/- per share.

Meanwhile, Nico share price was up by 3.3 per cent to close 310/- per share with the self-listed DSE also gaining by 1.5 per cent to close at 1,340/- per share.

Jatu share price however dropped

by 5.1 per cent to end the week at 370/- per share.

According to the Orbit Securities Weekly Market Report, foreign investors accounted for the majority of the transactions on the buying side as they accounted for 89.6 per cent of all the buy-side activities.

"On the other hand, local investors dominated the selling side as they accounted for 64.1 per cent of all the sell-side market activities," the report said.

Total market capitalization was on the green note up by 0.6 percent to 16.1bn/-while Domestic market capitalization also went up by 0.8 per cent to close at 9.7bn/-

According to the Zan Securities Chief Executive Officer Raphael Masumbuko, the equity section of the capital market has fared well in the first months of the year with the Tanzania share index (TSI) up by 126.97 points (3.5 per cent) with stocks such as CRDB up by 26.7 per cent year to date, giving signs of impressive activities for the rest of the year.

Meanwhile, the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) last week re-opened a 13.5 per cent 15-year Treasury bond no: 564



first issued on 2nd June 2021, offering TZS 136 billion to investors.

From the auction result disclosed by BoT, 376bn/- was tendered by investors equivalent to an over sub-

scription of 276 per cent. The central bank accepted bids totaling 160bn/- and so far this is the highest subscribed 15 year Treasury bond auction.

According to the Zan Securities Weekly Report, With

a weighted yield to maturity of 11.9 per cent, investors seem to opt for the 15 year treasury bond as a substitute to the 20 and 25 year bonds that have of late been registering very low yields



Vodacom appoints new independent director

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

THE Board of Directors of Vodacom Tanzania PLC yesterday appointed Sudhersan Ramasamy as independent director effective January 21, 2022 according to a statement released by the company's Secretary Caroline Mduma.

He fills the vacancy created by Kenneth Gomado who resigned.

"The Board takes this opportunity to thank Gomado for his significant contribution to the Board and congratulate Sudhersan Ramasamy on his appointment and look forward to his contribution to the Board," the statement said.

Ramasamy is currently the Chief Finance Officer of Vodacom International Business. He

is a financial analyst with more than 12 years of working experience in various senior roles in Vodafone Group.

In his most recent role, he was Head of Financial Planning and Analysis for Vodacom South Africa where he led the budgeting and forecasting processes of Vodacom South Africa, including long-range planning and driving strategy formulation.

Prior to that, he was the country Manager responsible for performance management and governance of various markets in the Vodafone AMAP region. He has also held various finance and commercial business partnering roles in Vodafone India and Vodafone Qatar respectively.

He holds a masters degree in Business Administration from Indian Institute of Technol-

ogy (IIT) Kharagpur, India and a bachelor's degree in Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) from the college of Engineering Guindy, Anna University, India.



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US and Japan agree to cut Trump-era steel tariffs

WASHINGTON

THE US and Japan have agreed to remove Trump-era tariffs from around 1.25 million metric tonnes a year of Japanese steel imports.

Under the deal, Japan says it will help to tackle excess steel supplies, which push down prices.

The agreement is aimed to stamp out "unfair practices" in the global steel industry, which is dominated by China.

The Biden administration has already made a similar deal with the EU but tariffs remain in place on UK imports.

The agreement with Japan, which takes effect on 1 April "will further help us rebuild relationships with our allies around the world as we work to fight against China's unfair trade practices," US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said.

During Donald Trump's presidency Washington imposed tariffs on a number of countries, citing cheap metal imports as a national security threat.

Under the new deal, the US will stop charging a 25% levy on Japanese steel imports, excluding aluminium, up to a 1.25m metric tonne annual threshold.

Meanwhile, Tokyo said it will take steps within six months to support what the US and Japan see as a fairer steel market.

These include taxing goods believed to be priced below market value, and a levy to offset subsidies that an exporter has received.

"This lifting of Trump-era tariffs on steel is consistent with expectations that the Biden administration would align its geo-political and trade alliances," Vishnu Varathan, head of economics and strategy at Mizuho Bank, told the BBC.



"However, the reality is that even the initial tariffs did not impact China too badly. So, this deal may really be more about reparations of relations in a longer trade game," he added.

On 1 January, a deal between the Brussels

and Washington took effect which allows tariff-free exports of EU steel and aluminium to the US.

However, the UK has not yet reached an agreement to lift tariffs imposed on its steel

and aluminium exports during the Trump era.

Last month, US Trade Representative Katherine Tai said the issue would be addressed "when the time is right".

UK chip firm Arm sale by Softbank collapses

LONDON

JAPANESE conglomerate SoftBank has called off its planned sale of UK microchip designer Arm to US technology group Nvidia.

When the deal was first announced in September 2020 it was valued at around \$40bn (£29.6bn).

SoftBank now aims to float Arm's shares on the stock market by the end of March next year.

The planned sale had faced major regulatory hurdles in the UK, United States and European Union.

SoftBank and Nvidia agreed to end their sale agreement "because of significant regulatory challenges preventing the consummation of the transaction, despite good faith efforts by the parties," the companies said in a joint statement to investors.

"We will take this opportunity and start preparing to take Arm public, and to make even further progress," SoftBank's chief executive Masayoshi Son added.

SoftBank did not give any other details about Arm's planned stock market listing, which has sparked speculation amongst investors over which stock exchange, or exchanges, will be chosen for the sale.

The statement also said that, in line with the agreement signed by both firms in 2020, SoftBank would keep a \$1.25bn non-refundable deposit paid by Nvidia.

In December, the US Federal Trade Commission sued to block the buyout. It argued that competition in the growing market for microprocessors for self-driving cars and a new category of networking chips could be hurt if Nvidia owned Arm.

The planned takeover was also being scrutinised by UK and EU regulators amid concerns that it could push up chip prices and reduce choice and innovation.

US banks outlook positive with loan growth

New York

WHILE U.S. bank stocks had a rocky start to the year, investors and analysts see accelerating loan growth and Federal Reserve interest rate hikes boosting the sector.

The U.S. economic recovery has spurred consumer spending, which is encouraging companies to build inventories and in turn has increased demand for business loans.

And while net interest income, the difference between the rates banks charge for loans and what they pay out for deposits, weakened during the pandemic, this is expected to change in 2022 with interest rate increases, which the Fed is aiming to use to help tame runaway inflation.

After rallying in 2021 and early 2022, the S&P 500 bank index tumbled 15% from its record high last month as rising expenses and weak trading revenue at firms including JPMorgan sent investors fleeing.

Since bank lending profits depend on a steepening yield curve, recent flattening of the curve has added to investor worries, with the difference between U.S. 2-year Treasury yields and 10-year yields hitting its narrowest level since November 2020.

As inflation has surged, traders have been betting on an increasing number of rate hikes in 2021.

While higher rates favor banks, their share price declines reflect worries the Fed may "hit the brakes a lot harder" than originally expected and end up hurting the economy, according to Mike Cronin, investment director at asset manager abrdn in Boston. But he is bullish on banks.

"Expenses were an issue in the fourth quarter but we've set the bar on that," Cronin said. "Now it's a bit more about the economy and rates. If we continue to see modest economic growth and accelerating loan growth going forward that bodes well for the sector in 2022."

Compared with March 2020, when they traded at 6.8 times earnings expectations for the next 12 months, bank stocks have recovered dramatically. But the S&P bank index's current price/earnings ratio of 12.9 still lags the S&P's 19.5 multiple.

With the KBW regional bank index currently trading at around 70% of the S&P 500's multiple compared with its more typical 90% level, the sector looks cheap to KBW's director of research, Matthew Kelley.

"The fundamentals of the banks are actually strengthening," said Kelley, citing loan growth and rising rates. While higher expenses have hurt profits, he sees "more than enough positive things happening with the banks on the top line to offset this."

Kelley says recent selling in bank stocks has been exacerbated by a



flattening yield curve, which was the result of fears about the economy that he expects will prove transitory.

As if on cue, bank stocks rose more than 2% on Friday, their biggest one-day gain since Jan. 6, after a stronger than expected jobs report provided some reassurance about the economy.

Wall Street analysts expect declines in quarterly earnings per share at the biggest U.S. banks in 2022, according to Refinitiv. After setting aside extra loan loss reserves in 2020, banks were able to re-

lease unused reserves last year, which artificially inflated earnings last year, making a tough comparison between 2021 and 2022 earnings.

While investors have been betting on Fed rate hikes for some time, analysts say bank stocks do not fully reflect these expectations. KBW's Kelley notes that in the 2016-2018 Fed tightening cycle bank stocks did not peak until 21 months after the policy maker started raising rates.

Bitcoin is back over \$45,000

NEW YORK

CRYPTO fans rejoice: Bitcoin is mounting a comeback.

The virtual currency briefly breached the \$45,000 milestone for the first time in roughly a month overnight, according to CoinMarketCap.

It later dipped back below that mark, and was last trading around \$44,800 per coin.

It's not clear what caused the latest surge, but the cryptocurrency's price has been improving in recent days. It finally cleared \$40,000 again last Friday after weeks of losses.

Still, the coin is down more than 34% from its all-time high – on November 10 – of \$68,789.63, according to CoinMarketCap data.

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Ethereum, meanwhile, was trading at \$3,218.98, more than 3% higher than it was 24 hours before. That price is down more than 34% from its all-time high of \$4,891.70, though. The meme currency shiba inu coin has also surged over 20% in the last 24 hours.

Bitcoin has "weathered the recent storm" and is gaining momentum, wrote Craig Erlam, a senior market analyst at Oanda, in a Monday research note. "We've seen what bitcoin can do once it gets moving and while it's still early days, there's certainly reason to think the worst may be behind it," Erlam said.

Investors had been jittery about digital currencies and other risky assets ever since the US Federal Reserve signaled it may unwind economic stimulus more aggressively than expected.

Governments are cracking down as well. Reuters reported recently that Russia's central bank has proposed a ban on crypto use and mining. Russia is one of the biggest crypto-mining nations in the world, but its central bank said that digital currencies can pose a threat to the country's financial stability.

Baby formula shortage has some families scrambling

NEW YORK

LOAN Nguyen is a new mom living in a constant state of anxiety.

For the past several weeks, following the premature birth of her twins, Maxine and Lawrence, Nguyen has spent hours every day searching the internet or making phone calls trying to find more baby formula to buy for them.

"I'm a first-time mother. There's already enough anxiety with that," she said. "My husband sees my stress level and he's worried."

Nguyen's twins were born in early December, arriving six weeks early. Although breastfeeds them, her milk production isn't enough to nourish both of them sufficiently. Now she's worried the stress is impeding her milk production even more.

The twins require a specialized, hypoallergenic formula to help them gain weight and get the nutrients they need.

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"I just can't find that formula anywhere," Nguyen said. She's doing daily checks at nearby Walmart, Target and CVS stores only to find the product is either out of stock or on back order, with no clear indication of when it will arrive. She's even had to deal with a confirmed order getting canceled.

"It's very frustrating and scary," Nguyen said. "I've been searching for it in towns three hours away from where I live. Why can't I just go into a store and be able to buy formula?"

Nguyen's concern has been echoed by many parents on Facebook, including those relying on nutrition assistance programs, such as the federal Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). They are sharing stories of their frantic efforts to obtain infant formula.

Retailers nationwide have struggled to keep shelves fully stocked with all kinds of everyday necessities as supply chain problems persist, slowing down both production and distribution of goods. At the same time, consumer demand remains robust.

According to market research firm IRI, stores' infant formula inventories in mid-January were down 17% from where they were in mid-February 2020, just before the pandemic hit US shores.

Even your backup grocery store is struggling to stay fully stocked

Drugstore chain Walgreens, which had alerted its customers about isolated formula shortages at its stores nationwide in November, said it is still facing tight inventory.

"We continue to see greater demand for baby formula nationwide, and as a result Walgreens has worked diligently with our suppliers to ensure we have enough supply to cover customer demand," the company said in a statement to CNN Business. The retailer said shoppers could continue to see temporary or isolated shortages of specific formula products.

An Amazon (AMZN) spokesperson said the retailer is working closely with its vendors to get formula products back in stock as quickly as possible, and Walmart (WMT) said any shortages of formula at its stores were related to capacity issues on the manufacturers' end.



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WORLD

After Labour leader hounded, UK PM Boris Johnson under pressure over slur

LONDON

AFTER protesters hounded Britain's Labour leader Keir Starmer, Prime Minister Boris Johnson faced pressure yesterday to withdraw a claim that the opposition leader had failed to prosecute one of the country's most notorious child abusers.

Johnson, who won a landslide in a 2019 election, is facing the gravest crisis of his premiership after a series of scandals including revelations that he and his staff attended Downing Street parties during COVID lockdowns.

As Johnson apologised to parliament for the parties on Jan 31, he falsely claimed Starmer had failed to prosecute Jimmy Savile, a late TV star who abused hundreds of children, during his time as Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

Starmer was confronted by angry protesters on Monday who surrounded him after an anti-COVID vaccination demonstration.

Before being escorted into a police car, some of the protesters can be heard shouting "Traitor!" and "Were you protecting Jimmy Savile?" at him.

"It is really important for our democracy and for his security that the false Savile slurs made against him are withdrawn in full," Conservative lawmaker Julian Smith said.

Another Conservative lawmaker, Roger Gale, said such treatment of Starmer was disgraceful.

"This, I fear, is the direct result of the deliberately careless use of language in the Chamber," Gale said.

The row risks further undermining Johnson's authority as he battles



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson

to reshape his Downing Street team and face off claims from opposition parties that he is unfit to govern.

Opposition lawmakers called on Johnson, who cast the harassment of Starmer as disgraceful, to apologise for the Savile remarks.

Savile, a BBC TV and radio host who was never prosecuted despite a number of police investigations, died in 2011, aged 84. After his death it was revealed he had abused hundreds of victims, mainly children. The youngest victim was an 8-year-old boy.

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Johnson's supporters said that while the behaviour of the protesters was unacceptable, it was a step too far to pin the blame for their actions on the prime minister.

The husband of Jo Cox, a British lawmaker stabbed to death just days before the 2016 Brexit referendum, said that while those who harassed Starmer were responsible, inject-

ing poison into politics had unintended consequences.

"If you inject poison into politics that has a whole set of unintended consequences," Brendan Cox told BBC radio.

"When you throw around accusations of people protecting paedophiles or not moving against paedophiles, it creates a viscerality of debate and a violence of emotional reaction."

Johnson clarified his remarks on Feb 3, saying that he had not meant to imply Starmer had personally failed to prosecute one of Britain's most notorious sex offenders. "I don't think you can point to what the prime minister said as the cause of that - you certainly can't blame him," Chris Philp, Britain's minister for technology and the digital Economy, told Sky.

"I don't think it in any way justified or provoked or incited the terrible and totally unacceptable harassment and intimidation of the leader of the opposition," Philp said.

Johnson's clarification failed to satisfy Munira Mirza, his head of policy who had worked with him for 14 years, and prompted her to quit her job last week. Finance Minister Rishi Sunak has also said he would not have made such a remark.

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Chinese, Iranian foreign ministers talk over phone

BEIJING

CHINESE State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi held a phone conversation with Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian on Monday.

Amir Abdollahian expressed congratulations on the splendid opening ceremony of the Beijing Winter Olympics and said the Games will be a success. Extending Lunar New Year's greetings to the Chinese people, he stressed that Iran is willing to keep closer exchanges with China in all aspects to further deepen the comprehensive strategic partnership between Iran and China.

Noting that Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi recently sent a letter to Chinese President Xi Jinping to congratulate China on hosting the Beijing Winter Olympics, and the Iranian foreign minister himself has supported China in Chinese on social media, Wang expressed appreciation and gratitude, and wished Iranian athletes good performance in the Games.

China will continue to deepen mutually beneficial cooperation of the two countries



Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi holds talks with visiting Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian in Wuxi, east China's Jiangsu province. File photo

in various areas, strengthen communication and coordination with Iran in international and regional affairs, and enrich their comprehensive strategic partnership, Wang said.

Amir Abdollahian briefed Wang on the latest progress in the negotiations on resuming the implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

He said that Iran is firmly committed to reaching an agreement through negotiation while effectively safeguarding Iran's national interests. Any agreement must be reached through consultation and negotiation and cannot be unilaterally imposed on others. The final text should be the result of joint consultation, he added.

For his part, Wang said China appreciates Iran's principled position of resolving the issue through negotiation and supports Iran in raising reasonable demands during the negotiations.

On the whole, the negotiations are taking positive steps toward the final settlement of the issue. China believes that Iran's legitimate rights and interests will receive full attention from all parties, said Wang.

China is ready to work with relevant parties to continue to make constructive efforts for early resuming the implementation of the JCPOA, he added.

The two sides also exchanged views on the Afghan issue.

Xinhua

US fueling Japan's claims to Russian islands to hinder cooperation with Moscow - diplomat

MOSCOW

WASHINGTON seeks to keep Japan's unfounded territorial claims against Russia afloat in order to prevent the two countries from full-scale cooperation, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told the Soloviev Live YouTube channel yesterday.

When commenting on US Ambassador to Tokyo Rahm Emanuel's statement that Washington supported Tokyo in the issue of the Northern Territories (which is what the southern Kuril Islands are called in Japan) and recognized Japan's sovereignty over them, Zakharova pointed out that

"over the past decades, the United States has transformed Japan from an independent state into a dependent one."

The Russian diplomat stressed that Moscow had repeatedly pointed to "attempts to artificially pump up hysteria" and tensions around the territorial issue, while the Japanese leadership kept neglecting "the need to build normal and full-fledged economic, financial and cultural ties" with Russia.

"Every time, we highlighted the artificial nature of this issue and the related tensions," the Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman noted. "It is being fueled by a certain part of Japan's political



Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova

establishment. And who's behind it? The US ambassador has stepped forward and made it clear," she added.

Zakharova explained that Washington benefited from keeping the issue afloat because "this artificial problem prevents Japan from engaging in full-scale, mutually beneficial and long-term cooperation with Russia."

The Russian diplomat recommended that the US envoy to Japan "should spend more time telling the Japanese public about the United States' crimes."

"Particularly, about how the United States used nuclear weapons to attack the country's civilians in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Unfortunately, the Japanese public knows little about the US role in those tragic events," Zakharova emphasized.

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Philippine president starts to pack as term draws near

MANILA

PHILIPPINE President Rodrigo Duterte, whose term ends in June, has said that he started packing his things barely four months before he hands over the presidency to the successor.

"I have started packing and shipping my things (to Davao City)," Duterte (pictured) said in a taped public address aired late Monday night.

"I started shipping the small things, the tokens, the bronze ones which are heavy," he said. The 76-year-old leader lived in Davao City with his family. He commuted between Metro Manila and his hometown during his six-year presidency.

"I will make a speech one of these days thanking the people for the distinct honor of giving me the position as president," he added.

Duterte also said he plans to buy an affordable two-bedroom condominium unit in Metro Manila to hang out whenever he is in town for a visit.

Before being elected president in 2016, Duterte had served as the Davao City mayor for 23 years.

There are 10 presidential aspirants on the campaign trails. According to surveys, Ferdinand Marcos Jr, 64, son of former president Ferdinand Marcos, is leading in the opinion polls. Trailing behind him are 56-year-old incumbent Vice-President Maria Leonor Robredo, Manila City Mayor Francisco Domagoso, Senator Manny Pacquiao, Senator Panfilo Lacson, and five others.

In the Philippines, the president and vice-president are elected separately. Duterte's daughter Sara Duterte-Carpio, 43, will run for vice-president as the running mate of Marcos Jr.



Biden, Macron hold phone talks ahead of Macron's visit to Russia

SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA'S Prime Minister Scott Morrison yesterday apologized to a political staffer who said she was raped in a ministerial office, after a review found half of parliamentary staff had experienced harassment, bullying or sexual assault.

The apology marked a rocky start to an election year for Morrison (pictured) and came as anti-vaccination protesters gathered outside parliament and his conservative party faced ructions over a religious freedom bill.

An election must be held by May, leaving few parliament sitting days before the federal budget is delivered in March, which is likely to trigger the start of the official campaign.

As parliament sat for the first time in 2022 on Tuesday, a statement was read by the speaker apologizing for "an unacceptable history of workplace bullying, sexual harassment and sexual assault in parliamentary workplaces".

Brittany Higgins, who last year went public with details of her alleged rape that sparked the review, watched from the public gallery as all party leaders pledged change.

"We are sorry, I am sorry to Miss Higgins for the terrible things that took place here," said Morrison, adding that a place that should have been safe "turned out to be a nightmare".

Morrison's personal integrity has been under attack with damaging leaks, including by Higgins, of historical text messages from state and Coalition partner leaders, including some labelling him a "liar".

Polls show Morrison has also been marked down by voters over his handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

On Monday, the government announced Australia would open its borders to international travel on Feb 21, after two years, in a boost for business and tourism.

The defense force was also sent in to assist aged care homes struggling with staff shortages amid COVID-19.

A Guardian Essential poll on Tuesday morning showed a lift in voters who thought Morrison's handling of the pandemic was good, from 35 percent two weeks ago to 40 percent, but his Coalition still trails the Opposition Labor party.

Contentious changes to religious discrimination laws that seek to balance religious freedom with gay and lesbian protections are among the few bills to be debated before the election.



AS the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games kicked off, people have paid greater attention to culture related to winter sports. Ice and snow culture in China dates back to a long time ago. Inheritance of and innovation in ice and snow culture in China crystallize the wisdom of harmonious relationship between human society and nature and embody the practical experience of the Chinese nation in understanding and utilizing nature.

Petroglyph of skiers found in a cave in Altay city, northern edge of Junggar Basin, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, is so far one of the earliest records of human-kind's skiing activities.

Skiing, as a means of transport for human beings in snowy mountains in

History, inheritance of ice and snow culture in China

winter, has a history of at least 10,000 years, as the petroglyph suggested.

To survive cold winter, ancient Chinese people of various ethnic groups in northern China gradually turned ice and snow to their own advantage. For example, the ancients' innovations for illumination in winter have evolved into today's ice lanterns that people like watching so much.

To strengthen defense, ancient Chinese people could build ramparts overnight by turning water into ice and then mixing it with earth. Moreover, they invented sledges so as to move faster when hunting in winter, and made use of ice and snow to store

food to guarantee sufficient food supply in cold months. The tradition of food storage in winter has been followed to this day.

As people's needs for survival in winter were satisfied, ice and snow sports and art, which were oriented to recreation and relaxation, started to emerge.

According to historical records, skating was a verified ancient ice and snow recreational activity. During the reign of Emperor Qianlong (1736 - 1796) of the Qing dynasty, ice and snow sports became quite popular, and a series of activities on ice, including skating, ice skate archery and roll-

ing on ice, took shape, which involved early forms of skates and sledges.

In modern times, Chinese people began to add different colors to the colorless ice and white snow by developing environment-friendly pigments, and decorate urban areas in northern China with ice lanterns and ice and snow sculptures, expanding ice and snow application scenarios.

The first Harbin Ice Lantern Garden Party held in Harbin city, northeast China's Heilongjiang province, in 1963, effectively fueled the emergence of ice and snow art in various regions across China.

In Shenzhen, south China's Guang-

dong province, people have built low-temperature winter sports venues with air domes, where the all-white structures and snowmakers and other facilities inside simulate realistic indoor ice and snow sports fields. Wenzhou city, east China's Zhejiang province, has established scenario-based indoor ski centers and ice and snow theme parks, breaking the geography and season limits of ice and snow sports and culture.

The designs of venues for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games represent creative transformation of ice and snow elements. The National Ski Jumping Center in Zhangjiakou city, north

China's Hebei province, one of the venues, features an S-shaped curve which resembles a jade Ruyi scepter, a Chinese talisman. The design is expected to convey good wishes.

In the digital era, virtual reality (VR), digital twin, virtual studio and other technologies are widely adopted in the culture sector, allowing ice and snow culture to further break the restrictions of season and transformation and be inherited in new ways.

With the help of a 360-degree camera that captures panoramic images of ice and snow and a VR helmet equipped with locator and supporting different angles, users can experience the fun of being in a world of ice and snow.

People's Daily

Putin claims Russia promised political shelter to Ukraine's Poroshenko

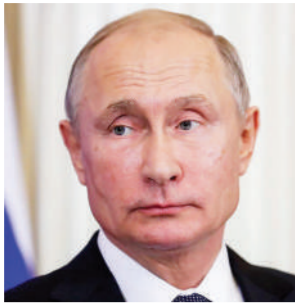
MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin claimed that he promised political shelter to Ukrainian ex-President Poroshenko, should he face difficulties.

"Back in the day, when Mr. Poroshenko was a President of Ukraine, I told him that, should he face any difficulties in the future, Russia is ready to provide him with political shelter," Putin said during a press conference with French leader Emmanuel Macron.

According to the Russian president, "Poroshenko was quite ironic on this matter back then."

"But today, I would like to reaffirm my offers, despite our serious disagreements on this issue, on the issue of settlement in Donbass," Putin continued.



Accusations against Poroshenko in Ukraine

"I believe that [Poroshenko] made a lot of mistakes, but his persecution as a state criminal, in my opinion, is an excessive 'aspiration for success' of the current leadership," Putin said. "We are ready to provide shelter to people like Poroshenko."

According to Putin, Poroshenko is being accused of treason.

"They suggest that he signed the Minsk Agreements. Yes, he did, so what? The entire country accepted it," Putin said, adding that the Package of Measures on implementation of the Minsk Agreements was approved by the UN Security Council.

"I was not joking when I told [Poroshenko]: 'you know, a time will come when we will be ready to provide you with political shelter. Over humanitarian concerns. Not because we like his policies so much, but over humanitarian concerns,'" Putin said.

According to the President, "he knew that this would happen."

"And happen it did: here, please, he is under investigation there right now," Putin noted.

Agencies

UN Security Council urged to mitigate sanctions' unintended effects

UNITED NATIONS

EFFORTS must be made by the UN Security Council to better mitigate the unintended negative impact of sanctions and curtail unilateral coercive measures that continue to negatively affect the very populations they are meant to protect, said UN officials on Monday.

UN sanctions are "no longer the blunt instrument" they once were, but concerns remain, Rosemary DiCarlo, under-secretary-general for political and peace-building affairs, told the Security Council debate on general issues relating to sanctions: preventing their humanitarian and unintended consequences.

The council convened the debate, one of the signature events of Russia's council presidency for the month of February, allowing the council to consider a range of UN sanctions-related matters.

Various resolutions make it clear that sanctions are "not intended to have adverse humanitarian consequences for the civilian populations," DiCarlo said.

Highlighting several areas for action, the UN political affairs chief said member states can "minimize the burden" of additional due diligence and reporting requirements on humanitarian actors by keeping their domestic legislation as close as possible to council language.

Other vital actions include continued monitoring by the council's sanctions committees for possible negative consequences and increasing cooperation with humanitarian actors and the private sector, she added.

More can be done "to reduce the possible adverse consequences of sanctions," she said, recalling the Security Council resolution 2615 which affirmed that humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan does not violate the council's sanction measures.

Martin Griffiths, under-secretary-general for humanitarian affairs and emergency relief coordinator, said "humanitarian carve-outs, as we now have on Afghanistan, can allow us to continue our programs for those at greatest risk."

Mitigating the humanitarian impact of sanctions requires the international community to continue reviewing the way sanctions are designed and implemented, he said, urging the council and member states to ensure that measures applicable in armed conflict do not impede the assistance and protection activities of impartial humanitarian organizations for persons who are not fighting.

"In all contexts, they should ensure that sanctions do not restrict the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights including the right to food, water, shelter and health," he said.

To this end, the council and others imposing sanctions should include comprehensive humanitarian carve-outs from the outset rather than case-by-case authorization procedures, he added. *Xinhua*

AU appoints Fiona Lortan as deputy special envoy to Somalia

MOGADISHU

THE African Union Commission (AUC) said Monday it has appointed Fiona Lortan as the deputy special representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission Somalia and deputy Head of Mission.

The pan African body said Lortan who takes a wealth of experience to the position will play an important role in the transition phase of the African Union's commitment to ensuring a stable and secure Somalia.

The African Union Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security Bankole Adeoye, underscored the importance of the next few months for AMISOM as the mandate ends on March 31. *Xinhua*

Poor coordination blamed for 5G chaos

NEW YORK

THE recent disrupted launch of 5G wireless C-band services around the United States resulted in the cancellations of many airline flights, highlighting a disconnect between the government and big businesses about how to manage the implementation of the new standard.

"We have, in this case, two very different industries (airlines and telecommunications) that have different ways of looking at risk, and I think over the last couple of months, we understand each other much better than we did before," Federal Aviation Administration Administrator Steve Dickson was reported by The Wall Street Journal as saying on Jan 19.

But some experts say poor coordination and cooperation among federal agencies is as much to blame as any technical issues.

"The fights around this from federal agencies have just gotten more and more intense," said Harold Feld, an expert on telecommunications policy at the advocacy group Public Knowledge.

Dickson faced some pointed questioning from Congress on Thursday over the flight disruptions, during a House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee hearing.

Representative Garret Graves, the panel's top Republican member, said the FAA and Federal Communications Commission, or FCC, played "chicken with one another or whatever ridiculousness happened and now we ended up threatening aviation safety".

In response, Dickson said the process "did not serve anyone well".

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio, a Democrat, told the hearing that aviation safety must be prioritized.

"Having a dropped call is way less serious than having a dropped airplane out of the sky," he said.

FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel said earlier that the deployment of fifth-generation mobile services "can safely coexist with aviation technologies in the United States, just as it does in other countries around the world."

However, she urged the FAA to conduct its safety checks with "both care and speed".

Tim Clark, president of the Gulf-based airline Emirates, told CNN the 5G-air traffic situation was "one of the most delinquent, utterly irresponsible" situations he had seen.

The FAA had warned that potential 5G interference could affect altitude readings on some jets, with airlines citing the Boeing 777 among the models generating concern. Emirates, which relies heavily on the 777, halted flights to several US cities on Jan 19.



A worker installs 5G cellular equipment on a light pole as an Airbus A320 airplane lands at Los Angeles International Airport on Jan 19. File photo

The FAA gave approval on Jan 19 for more types of planes to land in low visibility near 5G signals, including the Boeing 777. By evening that day, however, nearly 40 percent of the US airline fleet was still waiting to be cleared.

Flights canceled

Telecom giants AT&T and Verizon pushed the 5G rollout near airports, but several airlines still canceled flights or switched aircraft models on Jan 19.

In early 2021, the US auctioned mid-range 5G bandwidth to AT&T and Verizon in the 3.7-3.98 gigahertz range on the spectrum known as C band for about \$80 billion. The higher the frequency in

the spectrum, the faster the service.

The FAA has warned that 5G could interfere with instruments such as altimeters, which measure how far above ground an airplane is traveling. Altimeters operate in the 4.2-4.4 GHz range, and the concern is that the auctioned frequencies sit too close to that range.

Verizon has said it will not use spectrum that is closer to the higher band for several years.

United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby said in December that the FAA's 5G directives would bar the use of radio altimeters at about 40 of the biggest US airports.

The European Union in 2019 set standards for midrange 5G frequencies in a

3.4-3.8 GHz range. The bandwidth is in use in many of the bloc's 27 member states.

The Center for Strategic & International Studies' Working Group on Trust and Security in 5G Networks wrote in March 2021 that "contrary to some initial commentary, the United States is doing well in 5G when measured by production of crucial 5G technologies", among other aspects.

The Civil Aviation Administration of China said on Jan 21 that its planned 5G infrastructure for the country's airports will not affect air traffic because it uses aviation-specific frequencies that operate separately from public 5G networks, the South China Morning Post reported.

China's four state-owned carriers use C-band frequencies from 2.6 to 4.9 GHz. *Agencies*

Opening ceremony of Beijing 2022 mirrors vision of green Olympics

BEIJING once again became a focus of the world as it kicked off the 2022 Winter Olympic Games on Feb. 4, becoming the first city to host both the winter and summer editions of the Games.

The dazzle of the National Stadium, the splendid fireworks, the elegantly beautiful snowflake-shaped cauldron, the creative flame "lighting," and the smaller-than-usual flame... All the details of the opening ceremony of the grand event mirrored China's making the Winter Olympics green.

As Chinese female cross-country skier Dinigeer Yilamujiang and Nordic combined athlete Zhao Jiawen, the final two torchbearers at the Beijing 2022 opening ceremony, climbed up the snowflake-shaped cauldron carrying the final torch, the giant snowflake was sparkling behind them, signaling the solidarity of the 91 delegations to the Winter Games.

The two young athletes, both born after 2000, together placed the torch in the middle of the snowflake. Later, the snowflake rotated upward and became the cauldron.

It was a brand-new scene in the history of the Olympics, which marked the first time for the Olympic cauldron to be presented with a tiny flame, without the action of "lighting."

The giant snowflake is made up of smaller snowflakes representing all the 91 participating delegations, and the final torch is indeed the cauldron, a tiny flame that has never been observed in the hundred-year-and-more history of the Olympics, said Zhang Yimou, Chinese filmmaker overseeing the opening and closing ceremonies of the Beijing 2022.

The creative idea of turning the big Olympic flame into a tiny one was inspired by the vision of low-carbon development and environmental protection, Zhang introduced, adding that it



Torch bearers Dinigeer Yilamujiang (L) and Zhao Jiawen raise the Olympic torch into the Olympic cauldron during the opening ceremony of the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games at the National Stadium in Beijing, capital of China, Feb. 4, 2022. (Xinhua)

would become a classic moment in the Olympic history.

It's notable that compared with previous Olympic Games which fueled the torches with liquefied natural gas or propane, the Beijing 2022 is the first Winter Olympics to light the torches with hydrogen energy, which demonstrated China's ambition to host a green Olympics.

As an environment-friendly fuel, hydrogen generates only water when burnt, and there's no emission of carbon dioxide. It mirrors the principle of green, low-carbon and sustainable development championed by the Beijing 2022.

According to Cai Guoqiang, chief visual art designer of the opening and closing ceremonies of the Beijing 2022, fireworks were staged only three times at the opening ceremony, totaling three minutes. Cai noted that fireworks in the shape of snowflakes and frost flowers were specifically

developed for the Beijing 2022 to showcase the beauty of the winter.

The designer told People's Daily that most of the fireworks used this time were manufactured in central China's Hunan province and north China's Hebei province, and all of them were environment-friendly and safe. Improvements have been made to the constituents of the propellant, and the gunpowder is non-toxic and makes no smoke. Therefore, the impacts on the environment have been significantly reduced.

Zhang said the simple firework display demonstrated the vision of hosting an environment-friendly and green Winter Olympics. The amount of fireworks to be used must be reduced as much as possible, because they have to be burnt anyway, though they are made with new technology and pollutant-free, he noted. "This indicates our confidence in our culture," he said.

People's Daily

Kenya launches national rollout of universal health plan

NAIROBI

KENYAN President Uhuru Kenyatta Monday launched the national scale-up of the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) which seeks to ensure that all Kenyans access quality healthcare.

Kenyatta who launched the ambitious health plan in the coastal city of Mombasa said the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to bear the urgent need for the country to upscale implementation of the UHC.

He affirmed the government's

commitment to spreading the benefits of UHC across the country through the development of a focused policy to accelerate its implementation. He said his administration has developed the UHC Policy, covering the period 2020-2030, to guide the acceleration of the progress in attaining UHC. It is part of Kenyatta's Big Four agenda comprising of food security, manufacturing, affordable housing and universal healthcare.

The President said the UHC which

started in 2013 with the launch of the highly acclaimed free maternity program dubbed "Linda Mama" (protect mother) currently benefits over one million mothers annually. He outlined various initiatives the Government has put in place to ensure the successful implementation of UHC including investment in health infrastructure and development of a digital health platform to support the effective monitoring of the health sector.

Xinhua

Fighting eases in Yemen's Marib as Saudi-led coalition revamps forces

ADEN

THE Saudi-led coalition has deployed newly formed units near Yemen's Marib where battles have abated, according to military and government sources, as the warring sides hold their positions in the fight for energy-rich areas that has led to the war's biggest escalation in years.

The Iran-aligned Houthi movement last month responded to losses in Shabwa and Marib at the hand of Emirati-backed forces with unprecedented assaults on alliance member the United Arab Emirates, dealing a fresh blow to stalled peace efforts.

Marib is vital because it is the internationally recognized government's last stronghold in North Yemen, and the country's sole gas producing region with one of its largest oilfields.

Three military sources said the UAE-backed Giants Brigade, southern Salafi Sunni Muslim fighters, have halted their advance in Marib after penetrating a Houthi cordon around the main city and securing the route to oil-rich Shabwa in the south.

The coalition in January sent the Giants Brigade to main front lines after Houthi advances following years of stalemate, during which the UAE in 2019 largely reduced its presence.

Last week, the alliance deployed new units comprised of northern tribal and Salafi fighters, named the

'Happy Yemen Brigades', near Marib, two government sources said, in a restructuring of local forces battling the Shi'ite Houthis.

The coalition did not respond to a request for comment.

It was not immediately clear if the move paves the way for southern fighters to return to positions on the western coast, but it further weakens the hold of the Islamist Islah Party that had dominated pro-coalition units in Marib.

So far the new brigade has not entered Marib and is battling Houthi forces holding the Harad border crossing area between Yemen and Saudi Arabia that has been shut since 2015, when the coalition intervened in Yemen.

The war is multifaceted with factions under the coalition umbrella vying for power despite being united against the Houthis, who ousted the government from the capital, Sanaa, in late 2014.

Last month's escalation, which once again embroiled the UAE and saw a return of deadly coalition air strikes in Yemen, has renewed international focus on a war that has killed tens of thousands of people and caused a dire humanitarian crisis.

The conflict is largely seen as a proxy war between Saudi Arabia and Iran. The Houthis say they are fighting a corrupt system and foreign aggression. *Agencies*

Cyclone Batsirai death toll rises to 20 in Madagascar

ANTANANARIVO

A TOTAL of 20 deaths were recorded Monday in Madagascar by the Office of Risk and Disaster Management, following the passage of intense tropical cyclone Batsirai Saturday and Sunday.

The multi-sectoral aerial assessment of the damage left by cyclone Batsirai began Monday in Madagascar. According to the latest estimation, more than 69,000 people have been displaced after the cyclone swept the country. Intense tropical cyclone Batsirai made landfall Saturday evening in Madagascar, with the exact location being monitored at 14 km north of the town of Mananjary, 535 km southeast of the capital Antananarivo. Batsirai crossed the country from east to west before going out to sea Sunday in the Mozambique Channel. It is estimated that 150,000 people could be displaced by further landslides and rising river and canal levels.

"The floods and bad weather have not only devastated homes and damaged property, but above all have destroyed the livelihoods and sources of income of the affected families," said Pasqualina Di Sirio, the World Food Programme (WFP) representative in Madagascar. "Affected families, currently in a state of total destitution, will see their living conditions deteriorate in the absence of urgent assistance until their situation returns to normal." *Xinhua*

SPORT



Minister for Culture, Arts and Sports, Mohamed Mchengherwa (3rd L), and Qatar's Ambassador to Tanzania, Hussain Ahmad Al Homaid (3rd R), hand over a trophy to the Qatar Airline staff's soccer side's players after cruising to 8-2 win over Qatar's Embassy to Tanzania's squad in a ceremony to mark the Qatar Sports Day that took place in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Tanzania determined to secure qualification for World Cup - minister

By Guardian Correspondent

MINISTER for Culture, Arts and Sports, Mohamed Mchengherwa, has said Tanzania is looking forward to participating in the World Cup in future due to the ambitious strategies which have been put in place by the government.

Mchengherwa made the remarks at a ceremony hosted by the Qatar's Embassy to Tanzania in Dar es Salaam yesterday to commemorate the Qatar Sports Day, held in February each year.

He was accompanied by the ministry's Permanent Secretary, Hassan Abbas, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Saidi Yakubu, and Acting Secretary-General of the National Sports Council (NSC), Neema Msitha.

He said Tanzania intends to participate in the tournament due to ambitious strategies that have been put in place including improving sports infrastructure across the country. "We need to acknowledge that in order to take part in such a tournament we must prepare and improve the sports infrastructure, we have so far allocated 56 schools across the country for sports promotion," Mchengherwa stated.

Mchengherwa noted the government intends to build big local stadiums in Dar es Salaam and Dodoma, with various sports taking part in the facilities.

According to the minister, there are also plans to build three major recreation areas.

He appealed to Qatar's Ambassador to Tanzania, Hussain Bin Ahmad Al Homaid, to ask his country's government to assist Tanzania in construction of sports infrastructure in order to further strengthen the relationship that has been established between the two countries.

He assured the Ambassador that Tanzania's government, led by President Samia Suluhu Hassan, is ready to continue playing part in promotion of sports, arts and culture sectors for the benefit of the two countries' people.

Al Homaid thanked Tanzania's government for maintaining good relations with his country and pledged to continue to do so.

He also said his country has arranged the Sports Day to promote sports and make its citizens avoid contracting preventable diseases through participation in exercises.

He said his country is going to be the first country in the Arab world to host a World Cup.

The ceremony saw Mchengherwa and Al Homaid kicked a ball to mark the official opening of the Sports Day.

Qatar's Embassy to Tanzania's squad came up against Qatar Airline staff's squad in a friendly match, which was part of the ceremony.

Qatar's Embassy to Tanzania's squad suffered an 8-2 loss to Qatar Airline staff's side in the friendly.

SPORTS

Protests on immigrant's death in soccer capital Rio shows bending a knee helps

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

ACTIVISTS in the Brazilian business and soccer capital of Rio de Janeiro have for the past two days faced up to realities in the famed city, not just invoking the image of soccer idol Pele but also the heydays of environmental activism in the 1992 global conference.

Moise Kabagambe, 24, a Congolese immigrant, was killed in cold blood by three white thugs, an event caught on camera, and it appears this is one of a series of such murders but then shared on social media. The happiness soccer scenes create evaporated.

The fact that the murder of the Congolese brought out hundreds of demonstrators on Saturday, demanding justice and decrying racism at the beachside kiosk in Rio de Janeiro still had a catch to it, as the murder occurred on January 24 and only after extensive networking could a massive reaction be organized.

There is partly the influence of the Black Lives Matter movement in the United States, and organized efforts in Europe where stadium racism led to a movement to bend a knee before kick-off to emphasise the theme against racism.

It means the whole world can now mobilise against racism, even where it was 'normal.'

Sport can be said to be one of the sources of structural racism in Europe and its distant suburb of South America, ask black prowess for instance in soccer has lifted the image of component of society in the south west continent, as the black sphere would otherwise remain relatively unknown.

In the United States black people have for decades become part of the mainstream, and early this century elected the first black president of the country, Barack Obama. That can take time to happen in broad South Amer-



International Olympic Committee's president Thomas Bach.

ica.

Taking acute note of this problem and how it can affect national team performances in various spheres, the National Olympic Committee of Brazil early last year directed the holding of mandatory anti-racism training for Tokyo 2020 team.

It directed that anti-racism training for all athletes, coaches, doctors, nutritionists, officials and other members of its team travelling to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

All personnel had to complete the 30-hour on-line course ahead of the Games held July 23 to August 8, enlisting around 650 people forming the hefty Brazil squad. It would foster solidarity between them.

Rogério Sampaio, secretary general of the Brazilian Olympic Committee (COB) said the course was meant to provide information, knowledge and also open a broad debate on racism in sport, hinting in a somewhat resigned note that "racism is structural...but we believe the sporting world can no longer tolerate it."

An online write up said around 55 per cent of the population of Brazil identifies as either black or mixed race, being beefed up by immigration, which angers low birth rate upper class white

segments.

The potential for anger is nowhere as remarkable as in soccer, where several European and South American teams have teams that are almost entirely black and mixed race, with a scatter of whites.

What is often visible on the European and for that matter South American scene is that officialdom makes all efforts it can muster to fight racism, as it is bad for business.

Clubs and national team organizers need to build winning teams, not teams with a majority of white players, and that is why the Brazilian sports administrator, himself a judo gold medalist in the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992, airs this mixed sentiment that despite racism being structural in Brazil, that is, a problem one can't avoid at any stage of society or authority, it can't be tolerated in sport.

One could say the police can do with racism, not soccer.

It implies that sports is the sphere in which Europe and South America will make more visible and more successful efforts in combating racism, as a racist attitude for instance can pay dividends in politics, with the rise of extremist parties in most European states, and some are now part of governing coalitions.

Yet even when they come close to tasting power, they can scarcely put their ideas into action, for instance telling Premier League clubs (let alone lower leagues) not to sign capable players because they are black, etc.

In any case, racism is outlawed in most countries, racists cry out abuse as hot air, not using the law. It can thus be said that sports has been a critical platform in combating racism, given that African athletes have excelled in many fields, or those of African descent, football business in major leagues is virtually unimaginable in its present state without their presence.

Diaspora presence of African soccer players is also awakening the continent to new standards as those locking out players either born or raised outside and are available to play for the country are sure to be locked out of any progress in African Nations Cup finals in the coming decades.

This too is a form of racism that is not explicit, and the sporting penalty is acutely felt.

Thompson's 21 points, late 3s lead Warriors past Thunder

OKLAHOMA CITY

Klay Thompson is finding his groove.

In his 12th game back from injury, Thompson scored 21 points and the Golden State Warriors beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 110-98 on Monday night for their ninth straight win.

Thompson went down with a torn ACL in his left knee in Game 6 of the 2019 NBA Finals. While rehabbing from surgery, he tore his right Achilles tendon in November 2020. He's been slowly adding minutes to his workload, and it appears the five-time All-Star might be ready for the stretch run.

After the Thunder rallied late in the fourth quarter to cut Golden State's lead to five, Thompson hit two 3-pointers - including one with just over a minute remaining - to put the Warriors up nine.

"It was great to see Klay hit those back-to-back 3s to kind of seal the win," Golden State coach Steve Kerr said. "Just fun to have him back, and he looks great out there. He's moving great. It's fun to be able to play him."

Thompson's late shots came in the same building where he made 11 3-pointers during a playoff win over the Thunder in the Western Conference finals back in 2016 that forced a Game 7. He said that didn't cross his mind during this game.

"No, that was a long time ago, although that is a dear memory of mine," he said.

Oklahoma City's Darius Bazley said Thompson is still tough to guard, even at age 31 and after all the setbacks.

"He's so good at shooting the ball. I feel like my hand doesn't really do anything," Bazley said. "You've kind of like just got to bank on him missing. There's some players that are just so good that they don't

even see you."

Stephen Curry added 18 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds for the Warriors, who shot 50% from the field.

Lu Dort scored 26 points and Bazley matched a season high with 20 for Oklahoma City. Josh Giddey added 16 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists.

The Thunder led 23-20 after one quarter before Golden State made 14 of 23 shots in the second to take a 56-46 lead at the break. Andrew Wiggins scored 13 of his 15 points in the first half.

Jonathan Kuminga's nasty two-handed putback jam early in the fourth pushed Golden State's lead to 87-74.

Oklahoma City continued to battle. On one possession, the Thunder collected four offensive boards before Dort threw down a powerful two-handed putback dunk to trim Golden State's lead to 95-83.

A steal and layup by Giddey sliced Golden State's lead to 101-94 with just under three minutes remaining. Another layup by Giddey cut it to five before Thompson's pair of 3-pointers. Curry punctuated the win with a 3 on which he turned around and walked the other way before it went in.

Meanwhile, in Salt Lake City, Donovan Mitchell had 32 points, seven rebounds, and six assists to lead the Utah Jazz to a 113-104 victory over the New York Knicks on Monday night.

Mitchell also had four steals to help rally the Jazz to their third straight win. He played 36 minutes and felt exhausted by game's end while playing in only his second game back after an eight-game absence while in concussion protocol. But Mitchell hustled right down to the end to help break open a tight game.

Online music streaming service attracts more quarterly users in Africa

By Guardian Correspondent

A pan-african music streaming service, known as 'Mdundo', has announced a 22 percent growth in its user base in the last quarter of 2021.

The platform recorded 20 million users at the end of the fourth quarter, up from 16.3 million in the third quarter, driven by strong demand for an easy-to-use music service coupled with aggressive expansion into new territories in Africa.

The company also attributes sustained growth to strong partnerships with telecommunications firms and leading consumer brands such as MTN Nigeria, Vodacom Tanzania, Guinness, SportPesa and Standard Chartered Bank.

The cooperation has seen the service increase its audience in the mass, mid-income market especially among the 18-24 age bracket.

"We have noted increased demand for music served online mainly among the youthful consumer segment, an audience that is actively looking for new products and solutions to support their lifestyle," Rachel Karanu, Head of Brand Partnerships at 'Mdundo', stated.

The most notable growth was recorded in Tanzania, Nigeria and Kenya powered by rising popularity of the platform especially among the 18-24 age bracket. The total fourth quarter unique users in the three markets now stand at 12.1 million, Tanzania (3.7 million), Kenya (four million) and Nigeria (4.4 million).

Other big markets for 'Mdundo' include Uganda (1.8 million) and Ghana (1.6 million). 'Mdundo' currently boasts over 13.3 million users monthly across the continent. 'Mdundo' is eyeing continued growth through innovations aimed at attracting new users even as



consumer markets recover from the prolonged impact of the COVID-19 crisis.

"In 2022, we forecast sustained growth as we innovate not only

around acquiring new users, but also offering an effective platform for our advertising partners."

"In the prevailing environment, this means lowering the cost

per reach and using targeted consumer campaigns to grow the reach of our partner brands on the continent," Rachel noted.

She pointed out that 'Mdundo' is firmly focused on expansion within the African continent.

"Africa holds immense potential due to rapid growth of the middle-income market. We are active in all African countries, with our main commercial markets being Kenya, Tanzania and Nigeria, we are looking to expand our commercial interests to Ghana and Uganda in 2022," she said. Launched in 2013, 'Mdundo' is a mobile-web based music service offering free downloads of millions of songs from Africa and other parts of the world.

The platform's users can download and stream music legally from 'Mdundo' website and Android app free of charge and is integrated into a growing digital advertising ecosystem

comprising some of the world's biggest marketing brands.

The platform works with over 100,000 artists from across the continent as well as some of the top recording labels globally.

It also champions legal consumption of music and has been instrumental in eradicating illegal music downloads on online platforms.

'Mdundo' also provides leading consumer brands with a unique and culturally relevant brand marketing approach aimed at building loyalty and growing sales.

Its major clients include big brands across Africa including Coca-Cola, Standard Chartered, Safaricom, KCB Bank, Kenya Breweries Limited, Serengeti Breweries Limited, Tanzania Breweries Limited, Guinness Nigeria and Nivea.

Rachel revealed: "People love music. That's why we believe that music is the most powerful way

of connecting with people on an emotional level."

"Our audio ad campaigns are delivered in parallel with music from top musicians creating a trusting and personal message influencing real customer decisions." "We believe in a fair and open music industry on the continent, where African artists are remunerated for their great music and fans can listen to all the music they want at an affordable price," Rachel added.

According to a 2017 survey by PwC, 38 percent of Africa's 300 million smartphone users listen to music on their phone monthly.

Growth in online commerce is expected to drive increased consumption of music, movies and other entertainment solutions using smart phones.

'Mdundo' listed its shares on the Nasdaq First North Growth Market Denmark in September 2020 raising \$6.4 million to fund expansion across Africa.

A to Z of Africa Cup of Nations

YAOUNDE

SADIO Mane-inspired Senegal have succeeded Algeria as Africa Cup of Nations champions after a drama-filled tournament spanning 29 days in Cameroon.

Here, AFP Sport recalls some of the joy and sadness from the biggest African sport event, with the next edition scheduled for the Ivory Coast in mid-2023.

A Pre-tournament favourites Algeria took a 34-match unbeaten record to Cameroon, but the Riyad Mahrez-led Desert Foxes failed to win a match as they made an ignominious first round exit.

B Burkina Faso surrendered a three-goal lead to lose the third place play-off against Cameroon -- repeating the meltdown of 1998 when they failed after leading the Democratic Republic of Congo 4-1.

C Cameroon became the eighth consecutive Cup of Nations hosts who failed to win the competition, exiting in the semi-finals after poor penalty-taking in a shootout against Egypt.

D Senegal legend El Hadji Diouf called the Japoma Stadium in Douala "world class", but the pitch was sub-standard, leading to two knockout fixtures being switched to Yaounde.

E When Egypt faced Senegal it was a record-equalling ninth final appearance by the Pharaohs. They matched Ghana, who lifted the trophy in four of the nine title-deciders they played.

F There were record financial rewards for the best eight teams in Cameroon with the champions pocketing \$5 million (4.37 mn euros), runners-up \$2.75 mn, semi-finalists \$2.2 mn and quarter-finalists \$1.18 mn.

G Andre Ayew-skipped former champions Ghana made a humiliating first-round departure after losing to Morocco, conceding a late equaliser against Gabon and suffering a stunning loss to minnows Comoros.

H Health problems abounded with many Covid-19 cases -- Malawi had just four substitutes instead of the permitted 12 in one match due to the virus -- and a food poisoning outbreak in Bafoussam.

I The incredible finish to the Mali-Tunisia group match, with Zambian referee Janny Sikazwe blowing prematurely for full-time, was caused by the official suffering heatstroke and severe dehydration.

J There was joy for debutants Gambia and Comoros with both countries reaching the knockout phase. Gambia, the lowest ranked of the 24 participants, went furthest by reaching the quarter-finals.

K While Mane and Salah adorned the final, Liverpool teammate and Guinea captain Naby Keita was suspended after two yellow cards and his team made a timid last-16 exit against Gambia.

L Cameroon captain Vincent Aboubakar was the most lethal forward, scoring eight goals, one less than the record for a Cup of Nations tournament held by now deceased Congolese Ndaye Mulamba since 1974.

M Unheralded Malawi forward Frank Mhan-

go laid claim to scoring the goal of the tournament with a long-range angled shot that dipped behind Morocco goalkeeper Yassine 'Bono' Bounou in a last-16 game.

N Nigeria flattered to deceive -- outplaying Egypt in their opening game and finishing the group phase as the only side with a perfect record before being outfought and out-thought by Tunisia in the round of 16.

O The eye-catching 60,000-seat Stade Olembe in Yaounde was built for the Cup of Nations, but will forever be remembered as the venue where eight people died in a pre-match crush.

P Regular and extra-time penalties were no guarantee of goals ahead of the final with only 11 of the 20 converted while three were saved and six missed.

Q Mozambique-born Egypt boss Carlos Queiroz became the first coach to be sent off at the tournament. He was dismissed in the semi-final against Cameroon after being yellow-carded twice for outbursts.

R There were 14 red cards before the final and Cape Verde and Ghana were the worst offenders with two each. Cape Verde finished with nine men against Senegal after Patrick Andrade and Vozinha saw red.

S Five of the Senegal starters in the semi-final victory over Burkina Faso were born in France, including captain Kalidou Koulibaly. Footballers can represent a country where a parent or grandparent was born.

T Ethiopian referee Bamlak Tessema was widely praised internationally for reversing several marginal decisions in the Senegal-Burkina Faso semi-final after reviewing the incidents at the VAR monitor.

U "Sadio Mane does not have to wash his underpants," fumed Romania-born Malawi coach Mario Marinica after the minnows were forced to do their own laundry at a Yaounde hotel.

V VAR was used at all 52 Cup of Nations matches for the first time and generally worked well with most referees quick to check controversial incidents at the touchline monitor.

W Rwandan Salima Mukansanga became the first woman to referee a Cup of Nations match when she handled the group match in which Zimbabwe defeated Guinea, and her performance won widespread praise.

X No X-ray result was more eagerly awaited than that concerning Mane after a collision with Cape Verde goalkeeper Vozinha. The outcome was positive to the huge relief of Teranga Lions supporters.

Y Among the near 200 yellow cards shown during the tournament, none was more devastating than that flashed at Egyptian Omar Kamal in the semi-final against Cameroon as it ruled the right-back out of the final.

Z While a 2-1 victory over Guinea could not prevent perennial strugglers Zimbabwe making a first-round exit, it was the first Cup of Nations triumph by the Warriors since beating Ghana at the 2006 finals.

Senegal's Cup of Nations triumph sees potential fulfilled at last

YAOUNDE

AFTER years of underachievement, Sadio Mane's Senegal finally lived up to their billing as Africa's outstanding team with victory in the Cup of Nations, even if they did it the hard way in the final against Egypt.

Mane could have been the fall guy in his showdown with Liverpool teammate Mohamed Salah after his seventh-minute penalty was saved at the Olembe Stadium in Yaounde.

However, after a turgid final finished 0-0 in extra time, he redeemed himself by converting the decisive spot-kick in the shoot-out which the Lions of Teranga won 4-2 before Egypt captain Salah had the chance to take his team's last shot.

"You know what made the difference when I missed the first penalty? All my teammates came up to me and said 'Who cares, we are a team, we win together and we lose together,'" Mane said.

He and his fellow Senegalese players had just burst into coach Aliou Cisse's press conference, singing and dancing as they celebrated finally ending decades of disappointment.

Africa's top-ranked national team and 20th in the world, Senegal lost the last Cup of Nations final in 2019, falling 1-0 to Algeria in Cairo, never recovering from a second-minute goal.

They also lost the 2002 final on penalties to Samuel Eto'o and Cameroon, a few months before becoming one of just three African teams to reach a World Cup quarter-final.

Cisse was captain then and coach in 2019. It is third time lucky for him, while Mane was one of four survivors from the last final to start against Egypt.

"Mane 'living a dream' - 'It's the best day of my life, I think it's the most important trophy of my life,'" Mane said.

"I'm living a dream. I can't believe it. The wait was long but finally we did it. We are all happy and proud to win this trophy."

Senegal gained independence in 1960 but rarely qualified for the Cup of Nations over the next three decades and only emerged as a force with the 2002 side featuring Cisse and one-time Liverpool forward El Hadji Diouf.

"The Senegalese people have suffered a lot but I dedicate this trophy to Aliou Cisse. You can't begin to understand what he has brought to Senegalese football. He deserves everything," said Mane.

Mane vs Salah: Rematch looms with World Cup place at stake

YAOUNDE

SADIO Mane trumped Liverpool teammate Mohamed Salah in the Africa Cup of Nations final, but the Egyptian will soon have a chance to even the score in a World Cup play-off.

Egypt confront Mane-inspired Senegal home and away in March with a ticket to the 2022 World Cup in Qatar at stake. Ghana meet Nigeria, Cameroon play Algeria, Mali face Tunisia and the Democratic Republic of Congo tackle Morocco in the other play-offs.

But it is the showdown between the Egyptian Pharaohs and the Senegalese Teranga Lions that will capture the imagination with Premier League sharpshooters Salah and Mane dominating the headlines.

Mane not only helped Senegal conquer Africa for the first time after a penalty shootout triumph in Cameroon on Sunday, he was also voted the player of the tournament.

The 29-year-old scored three of the nine Senegalese goals in seven matches and recovered swiftly from being injured in a last-16 win over Cape Verde to inspire his team.

In the final, he had an early penalty saved by Mohamed Abou Gabal, but atoned by slotting the spot-kick that won the shootout after 120 goalless minutes dominated by the west Africans. After a slow start to the 29-day flagship African tournament, Salah led his team through a far harder knockout-phase path than Senegal to the title decider.

Effectively facing three finals before the final, Egypt pipped the Ivory Coast on penalties, came from behind to beat Morocco in extra time, then overcame Cameroon in another shootout.

Abou Gabal, who surprisingly lost out to final rival Edouard Mendy for the goalkeeper of the tournament award, kept Senegal at bay in regular and extra time.



Sadio Mane with his hands on the trophy after he scored the decisive penalty in Senegal's shoot-out win over Egypt (AFP)

Mane, the 29-year-old former African footballer of the year, draws most of the attention but Senegal's strength in depth is unique on the continent.

- Mendy's memorable year -

Their team in Sunday's final also contained nine starters based in Europe's big five leagues, including skipper Kalidou Koulibaly of Napoli, right-back Bouna Sarr of Bayern Munich and Paris Saint-Germain duo Abdou Diallo and Idrissa Gana Gueye.

For Chelsea's Edouard Mendy, the victory caps a remarkable nine months in which he also won the UEFA Champions League and the FIFA Best goalkeeper of the year award.

One of several members of Cisse's squad born in France, Mendy is eligible to play for Senegal through his mother and featured at the 2019 AFCON only to lose his place because of injury.

The giant 29-year-old missed the beginning of his team's adventure in Cameroon due to Covid-19 before reclaiming the gloves. His save from Egypt's Mohamad Lasheen in Sunday's shoot-out paved the way for Mane to win the title.

"We have been chasing this trophy for years and years," he said.

"We have a mixture of young players and more experienced ones. We had a difficult start to the tournament when a lot of things went against us but we always had faith and got our reward."

The celebrations will go on and on in Dakar and around Senegal, but Cisse's players will quickly return to their clubs before regrouping at the end of March for a rematch with the Egyptians.

This time it will be a decisive two-

legged play-off for a spot at the World Cup in Qatar later this year, as Senegal look to the double over Salah's side.

Meanwhile, thousands of Senegalese supporters were celebrating their country's maiden Africa Cup of Nations win on Monday, fetting coach Aliou Cisse, who only a month ago was battered by criticism over his tactical choices.

Fans hailing global stars such as Liverpool's Sadio Mane and Chelsea's Edouard Mendy were also chanting the name of Cisse after he orchestrated their win over Mohamed Salah's Egypt 4-2 in a penalty shoot-out in Sunday's final in Cameroon.

The game had finished goalless after extra time.

The victory marked Senegal's first in the tournament and sparked jubilant celebrations across the West African country's capital on Sunday evening.

President Macky Sall declared Monday a public holiday to mark the victory after which a grey baseball cap-clad Cisse was ubiquitous across national media -- draped in the national flag, in tears before fans at the stadium after the final or being thrown in the air by his joyous players.

"He allowed us to get the cup we had been waiting for years. I was among those giving him stick -- but we've none better than him," said Alla Diop, a 30-year-old trader among ecstatic fans celebrating in Dakar.

Cisse had come in for some bitter criticism from millions of fans since first taking over the Lions of Teranga in 2015 but also from game insiders in a football-obsessed country.

Many held his philosophy to be too defensive and too slow to make the

most of top-drawer talents such as Mane.

- Missed spotkick memory -
"If we don't win the AFCON it would be more respectful for Aliou Cisse to pack it in," suggested his former international teammate Khalilou Fadiga before the event.

Fadiga was among the previous generation of players alongside Cisse which lost a CAN final in Mali in 2002 -- Cisse missed in the shootout against Cameroon -- then followed up with a quarter-final exit to Turkey at that year's World Cup.

Fans had begun to fear a jinx after Cisse coached the side to a final loss in 2019 when Algeria triumphed thanks to a freakish deflected goal.

Cisse has taken the national side to three African showpiece tournaments -- 2017, 2019 and 2021 -- as well as the 2018 World Cup.

"We were 14th in the African rankings and 64th in the FIFA standings when I arrived," he recalled recently.

"Today, we are first on the continent and in the world top 20."

- Debt "repaid" -

Finally this year saw Senegal live up their status as a top tip to land the trophy -- and Cisse found feelings towards him begin to turn in his favour with the last 16 win over Equatorial Guinea.

It was thereafter that journalist Cheick Tidiane Gomis, a journalist with newspaper Wal Fadjri, publicly congratulated him for his substitutions to manage that victory.

"In six years you only lambasted me, Gomis. This compliment really goes straight to the heart," said Cisse.

After the final Fadiga showered him with warm and effusive praise -- as did his squad.

"This trophy, I dedicate it to Aliou. You cannot know just how much he has brought to the Senegal team," Liverpool star Mane said Monday.

"Champions of Africa! It was a long time coming and it was difficult but we never gave up. We dedicate this victory to the Senegalese people," said Cisse.

"Since independence we have been running to catch up. Now we too have a star on our shirt," said Cisse before his players swamped him at his press conference.

For Dakar trader Mammy Diallo, harking back to the heartbreak of the defeat on penalties 20 years ago, "he had been carrying a debt since 2002 which he completely paid back yesterday".

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Janny Sikazwe



Egypt captain Mohamed Salah (R) chases after the ball during the Africa Cup of Nations final against Senegal in Yaounde on February 6. (AFP)

But he may not face Mane in the World Cup if first choice keeper Mohamed Elshenawy recovers from an injury sustained against the Ivorians.

- Queiroz conundrum -

It is a conundrum for coach Carlos Queiroz, who must watch the first leg of the play-off from a stand unless an appeal against a red card in the Cup of Nations clash with Cameroon succeeds.

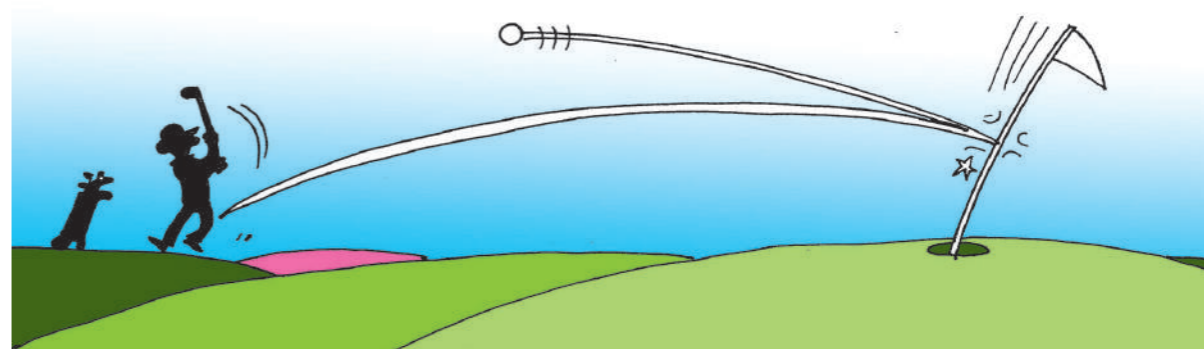
His assistant, South African Roger de Sa, was banned for four matches af-

ter an undisclosed incident following the victory over Morocco, ruling him out of both legs.

Seeking a fourth straight World Cup appearance, after guiding Portugal in 2010 and Iran in 2014 and 2018, the former Real Madrid manager and twice Manchester United assistant manager has his work cut out.

But for Abou Gabal, Senegal would have won the final by several goals in 90 minutes, while Egypt created few scoring opportunities.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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**Senegal's Cup of Nations triumph
sees potential fulfilled at last**



Yanga newly signed forward Chrispin Ngushi.

Yanga happy with newly recruited players

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA's officials have made it clear that it has roped in quality players.

The Jangwani Street squad's official stated in an interview they are optimistic the new acquisitions will ensure the outfit excels domestically.

The officials were adamant they did clinical analysis before signing the footballers.

In this season's mini transfer window, Yanga registered many young players, as opposed to the side's approach in previous seasons.

The footballers are expected to provide a good balance of competition with the outfit's experienced footballers on the pitch, should the former deliver.

Goalkeeper, Abdultwalib Mshery from Mtibwa Sugar, midfielder Chico Ushindi from Democratic Republic of the Congo's TP Mazembe, winger Dennis Nkane from Biashara United, midfielder Salum Abubakar Azam FC, and forward Chrispin Ngushi from Mbeya Kwanza FC are some of the players who have been signed by Yanga during the mini registration period.

The newly signed players have started playing competitive matches except for Nkane.

The footballer is still out for a while treating injuries he sustained in the 2022 Mapinduzi Cup matches.

Yanga's Competition Director, Thabit Kandoro, said that they made a careful registration that will give them good results.

"We have done good registration as each player has great potential, this will make us strong. They are young and energetic."

"Some have plied their trade in top tier outfits and league across East and Central Africa, they will add quality into the squad."

"We are happy with the presence of Ushindi, Nkane, these are very skillful and creative players and will do what we need including getting results on the field," Kandoro noted.

The NBC Premier League leader is reportedly preparing to bring back its former winger Bernard Morrison from Simba SC.

Morrison has been suspended by Simba SC for indiscipline. The Ghanaian winger has six months remaining on his current contract with the outfit.

Simba SC released a statement about Morrison's suspension last week, saying he was leaving the camp without permission from the club's officials.

The footballer was asked to report to the club's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Barbara Gonzalez clarifying why he was doing that.

He missed Simba SC NBC Premier League games against Tanzania Prisons and Mbeya Kwanza FC, which took place in Dar es Salaam last week.

The tenure of his absence from action has not yet been disclosed by his employer.

It should be noted that when he was turning out for Yanga, he was also regularly exposed to indiscipline hence football fraternity members in the country are much aware of his manners.

Yanga launches complaints against match officials

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA has launched complaints about poor officiating the side discloses continues in the NBC Premier League.

Yanga's information officer, Hassan Bumbuli, and the club's spokesperson Haji Manara said yesterday the top-flight referees have been part of various incidents which have prompted the club to issue complaints.

"We want our referees to reflect on these incidents, the supervisors should take action on this matter because people are investing a lot of money in football," Bumbuli disclosed.

The official disclosed: "If the league is good the value of our league will improve and our football as a whole will continue to grow."

Manara said the referees who officiated Simba SC games matches are people who are highly criticized for the decisions the officials made.

The official cited the vicious incidents that occurred in the Biashara United's tie against Simba SC played in Mara, noting the duel's referee put a dismal showing.

Manara pointed out Simba SC had asked for the club's match against Kagera Sugar to be postponed because several Simba SC players were sick.

He added Yanga though confronted Prisons the following day, much as some of Yanga's footballers had got sick.

"We must be fair to all teams, officials have to be fair, football touches the emotions of Tanzanians," Manara noted.

"We do not want to be favoured, we want a level playing field for all teams."

"Unfortunately we have a few local players playing abroad, the most popular are Mbwana Samatta, Simon Msuva, Himid Mao, and others in various African leagues."

"Most of Taifa Stars' players are playing in the domestic league, how will our country's national team qualify for Africa Cup of Nations if the Premier League is full of complaints referees' performance every day," Manara queried.

Manara said Yanga reminds the referees to recognize their responsibilities.

"Our fans can see what's going on and we can't keep quiet, I can't keep quiet about football," Manara noted.

Bumbuli revealed Simba SC has been awarded eight penalties this season.

He further noted that six footballers turning out for other outfits have been dismissed in duels against Simba SC.

"These dismissals and penalties are not all wrong but some are not valid, this is the reason we are talking of this issue."

"If Simba SC trails an opponent, there will be added on time and the side will score within the time," Bumbuli disclosed.

Namungo FC forward in pursuit of Premier League golden boot prize



Namungo FC forward Reliants Lusajo. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NAMUNGO FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

NAMUNGO FC forward, Reliants Lusajo, continues to dominate the race for the 2021/22 NBC Premier League's golden boot prize after taking his tally to nine goals.

The towering goal-getter improved his goal-scoring virtuosity with a brace in Namungo FC's 3-1 victory over Mtibwa Sugar in Lindi on Sunday.

The forward, who as well turns out for national football team 'Taifa Stars', now has seven goals in his last seven matches for Namungo FC in the Premier League.

His two back-to-back-braces in league fixtures against Mtibwa Sugar and Coastal Union have seen him pull three goals clear in the golden boot race.

He has been directly involved in more NBC Premier League goals (10) than any other player in this campaign.

Yanga's talisman Fiston Mayele is one of a trio of players tied together on six goals.

He was though unable to add to his tally in his side's tie against Mbeya City FC in Dar es Salaam on Monday, seeing his clear goal-scoring chance chalked off for offside.

The Congolese striker has now blanked in two league games to fall behind Lusajo in the race.

Vitalis Mayanga of Polisi Tanzania and George Mpole of Geita Gold FC netted one goal apiece to bolster their tallies for the season over the weekend.

The duo has netted six times each this season, sharing the second spot with Mayele.

Two times golden boot winner, Simba SC's Meddie Kagere, ended his seven league games' goal-scoring drought with a strike

from the penalty spot against Prisons.

He now shares the third spot with Jeremiah Juma of Prisons, with five goals to their names.

Seven other players have netted four goals apiece in the league so far, Rodgers Kola (Azam FC), Said Ntibazonkiza, Feisal Salum (Yanga), Richardson Ng'ondya, Juma Liuzio, Paul Nonga (Mbeya City FC), and Matheo Anthony of Kinondoni Municipal Council FC.

John Bocco of Simba SC was the winner in 2020/21 with 16 goals.

His teammate Chris Mugalu was second with 15 goals but both are yet to register any league goal in this campaign at the halfway mark.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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